How to re-tube an earmould

Earmoulds need retubing regularly to maintain optimum sound quality. Check the tubing and replace as soon as it shows signs of hardening or discolouring.

This simple procedure could save you time consuming trips to the audiology clinic!

Here is our step-by-step guide:

Pull out the old tube. make sure that the hole in the mould is clean and

free from debris – an earmould tube drill can make this easier. Keep your old tubing for later!



Wash the mould using an earmould cleansing kit or washing-up liquid

and very hot water. Dry thoroughly and use a puffer to remove moisture from inside the mould.



Taper the end of a new piece of tube by making a diagonal cut down the first 2cm of

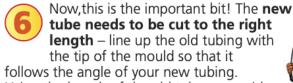
tubing so it's about half the thickness, making it easier to pull through the mould.



Insert the tube threader through the hole at the tip of the mould. Pass about

1cm of the tapered tube through the loop and draw it

back through the mould.



follows the angle of your new tubing. Using the length of the old tube as a guide, cut the new tubing to size with a pair of scissors.

Re-attach the hearing aid to the tubing.

LASTLY...Check that it is a comfortable fit, by putting on the hearing aid –. if the tubing is too short, it will pull the hearing aid down uncomfortably onto your ear. If it is too long, the hearing aid may fall off.

For more information please go to www.connevans.info/retube



CONGRATULATIONS! You have now successfully

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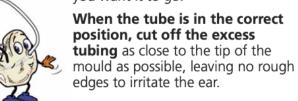
the **correct angle**. This isn't difficult with pre-bent tubes but it's a bit fiddly the first time you do it.

You need to **position the tube** so that when the mould is in the ear it lies naturally along the 'gully' that leads up to the top of the ear – look at the illustration and you will see what we mean!

Pull the tube through the hole until the bend in the tube is just touching the mould.

Check the angle of the tube coming out and adjust it if necessary by pulling the tube through further or by pulling it back slightly. **Hint:** If the bend in the tube is actually bending in the wrong direction, pull it back a bit and then as you pull it through again apply a twisting action (rather like a corkscrew) in the direction

you want it to go.



re-tubed a mould. Don't worry if it does not

work first time – simply remove the tube by pulling it out – and try again.