



Subsidy Policy for Auditory Verbal Therapy

Background

Our New Ears (**ONE**) is an entirely voluntary and self-funded group which partners with Chime. Due to a high demand for specialist therapies for children who are deaf or hard of hearing, ONE offers a subsidy for Auditory Verbal Therapy (**AVT**).

Description


This subsidy will be €30 per session of AVT with a certified AV therapist/trainee AV therapist (as described in 1. below) for a maximum of 6 sessions and will be paid directly to the Therapist as set out below.

Procedure

In order to avail of this subsidy,

1. **Before** commencing therapy with the family, the therapist (as defined below) must provide ONE with written confirmation of their qualifications as either:
 - a. a certified Auditory Verbal Therapist or
 - b. a professional who has successfully completed AVUK's foundation course (or similar foundation course) and is undertaking the advanced level course with AVUK (or a similar course) (the **Therapist**).
2. The Therapist will provide to ONE the name of the family for whom the therapy will be provided (the **Family**) with their consent.
3. The Therapist will provide a copy of this policy and an Evaluation Form (see 6. below) to the Family.
4. The Therapist will ensure that the 'sign-in sheet' provided by ONE will be completed by the Family for every session for which a subsidy is paid by ONE. These sheets will be kept in a secure locked file where the AVT is provided or as agreed with the Therapist and must be available to ONE at all times. These sheets will be checked against the invoice referred to at 5 below in order to approve payment of the subsidy.
5. The Therapist will provide a written invoice to ONE for subsidised sessions provided in that month to the email ournewears@gmail.com. The invoice should be submitted for payment within 7 days of the end of each calendar month for approval and payment. This invoice will include the initials of the Family, the date of the session(s) and full bank details (BIC and IBAN) of a bank account held in the name of the Therapist. No cash or cheque payments will be made. No payment will be made in respect of travel expenses.

*This subsidy is made possible due to the generosity and fundraising work by the friends and families of ONE.

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6. At the end of the 6th session for which the subsidy is provided or when the Family concludes AVT sessions with the Therapist (whichever is earlier), the Therapist will provide an Evaluation Form to the Family and will include the completed form with the sign in sheet for that session.

This policy will come into effect from Monday 13th April 2020 and may be amended from time to time at the discretion of ONE and will be administered in accordance with the laws of Ireland.

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