

NEW ZEALAND GUIDELINES ON AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER

APPENDIX 2

AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER REFERRAL CHECKLIST

Checklist of key symptoms of auditory processing disorder (APD) and commonly related conditions that can be used to identify individuals who should be referred for APD assessment:

Symptoms of hearing or listening problems not consistent with results of basic hearing assessment;

- difficulty following spoken directions unless they are brief and simple
- difficulty attending to and remembering spoken information
- slowness in processing spoken information
- difficulty understanding in the presence of other sounds
- being overwhelmed by complex or “busy” auditory environments e.g. classrooms, shopping malls
- undue sensitivity to loud sounds or noise
- poor listening skills
- preference for loud television volume
- insensitivity to tone of voice or other nuances of speech

Presence of other factors;

- brain injury
- neurological disorders affecting the brain
- history of frequent or persistent middle ear disease (otitis media, ‘glue ear’)
- difficulty with reading or spelling
- suspicion or diagnosis of dyslexia
- suspicion or diagnosis of language disorder or delay.