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Back in 2007 I was concerned that my peer group of hearing-and-talking deaf adults were invisible in Ireland's public discourse. Accordingly, I set up Sound Advice, using digital tools and professional expertise, to inform hearing families with deaf infants about their technology-based options to develop family-based, peer-age hearing and speech skills in these children, who can then live in the hearing world, using spoken language as they wish. Children who access new-born hearing tests, both-ear hearing-devices and speech therapy from under one year old, do not have to be deaf, with about 92% (globally) growing up, hearing and talking like their typical peers thanks to their digital sound quality and family education. The world just needs to wake up and take notice!

### Experience/Areas of Interest:

- Graduate, 2018 IPPOSI Patient Education Programme.
- Certified NHS-UK change agent (2017).
- Eight years' IT communications experience with three postgraduate diplomas
- Family access to co-located infant hearing and speech services and verbal education programs

### Patient Involvement and Experience:

- Patient Innovation panellist, EH2030.com 2016 (Dublin, Ireland).
- Presenter, Open Health Data night (Dublin, 2016) highlighting waiting lists for infant hearing and speech services, correlating adverse, impacts of no service access.
- Keynote panellist at pan-EU Family Medicine 2.0 conference (Dublin, 2015).
- Founder, award-winning Sound Advice blog-website: tracking hearing technologies while re-educating on twenty-first century infant hearing, speech and ability.
- Awardee, Zero Project 2016 Innovative Practices (hearing and speech services as human rights).