## ADVICE FOR PATIENTS ON OILING EARS - USING OLIVE OIL

- 1. Olive oil is very safe to use and can be purchased from a chemist (includes dropper)
- 2. Use at room temperature
- 3. If ear is blocked with wax squeeze the dropper to fill it with olive oil
- 4. Pull tip of ear outwards to open ear canal best done by 2<sup>nd</sup> person
- 5. Lean head to side and squeeze oil from dropper into ear canal until dropper is empty
- 6. keep head on side to allow olive oil to run into ear canal for 10 minutes
- 7. Put oil in ear twice daily, this will make hearing worse as the oil coats your ear drum
- 8. Repeat oiling process for 2- 3 weeks to soften the wax, which should hopefully then be soft enough to come out of ear canal.

