ALGORITHM 2: MANAGEMENT Episodic Bilateral Otitis Media with Effusion (OME)

Has OME persisted longer than 3 months?

- **YES**
  - Refer for hearing assessment
  - Refer for speech therapy
  - Refer for paediatric assessment
  - Refer for ENT assessment
  - Use and recommend strategies to improve quality of communication
  - Ensure ongoing audiological, language and educational support

- **NO**
  - No investigation or treatment required
  - Record dates of each OME diagnosis
  - Discuss hearing, impact of hearing loss on language and developmental milestones
  - Give hints on detecting hearing loss and language stimulation
  - Continue to review regularly (see algorithm 1)

Are there concerns about current language, learning, behavioural or developmental problems?

- **NO**
- **YES**

Persistent bilateral OME (see algorithm 3)