

Hearing Assessments for Newborn Babies

Information for parents and carers

Why am I receiving this appointment?

The Paediatric Audiology has received a referral from their Newborn Hearing Screen. After the screen the Screener who carried out the test would have given you a leaflet 'Your Baby's Visit to the Audiology Clinic'.

What to expect

You have been sent an appointment to be seen in our department. Please pay close attention to the date, time, and location of the appointment.

If this is not suitable then please contact our Administration team on the number below who will re-arrange the appointment.

In the appointment, you will see one or two members of our team of Paediatric Audiologists who specialise in the assessment and management of children's hearing.

To begin with, we will ask you some questions about your child's hearing, medical history, and any family history of hearing loss.

We will prep your baby's skin with some gel and then we will place some tabs on their head and behind their ears. Please do not apply any oil or moisturiser to your baby's skin 24 hours before the appointment as oil will cause the tabs to slip and may not stick.

Some headphones or inserts will be put in their ears which will play a clicking sound at different levels. We are not expecting any reaction from your baby; the responses will come up on the computer screen which will be assessed by the audiologist.

This type of hearing assessment is best carried out whilst your baby is asleep. If possible, try and bring your baby to the appointment awake but tired so they are more likely to sleep once they are prepped for the test.

You are welcome to feed your baby in the testing room to allow the best opportunity for your baby to fall asleep before we begin the hearing check.

Please feel free to bring your baby's pram or sling to help facilitate sleep.

If you need any further information, please contact the department and we will send you an information leaflet.

Who can attend the appointment?

The hearing assessment requires to be carried out in a quiet room, so it is best to try to attend with only the baby and a family member or friend.

None of the assessments are painful or invasive.

How long will it take?

The hearing assessment may take up to 90 minutes which allows time for the baby to sleep and settle. Sometimes it is not possible to gather all the results during one appointment, if this is the case you will be invited back to finish the assessment.

What next

The Paediatric Audiologist will then decide a management plan according to the results of the hearing test and discuss this with you.

Depending on the results you may be discharged from our service or receive a follow up appointment.

You will receive a copy of the assessment report in post.

If you require further information about any of the tests we undertake, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can send this information out to you.

Interpretation and Translation

This leaflet may be made available in a larger print, Braille, or your community language.

Further information

Contact telephone number: **0131 312 1407**

