

What happens if the tests record a strong response from both of my baby's ears?

This means your baby is unlikely to have a hearing loss. After the tests you may be given two checklists of the sounds that your baby should react to and the types of sounds that they should make as they grow older. Your health visitor may also be able to provide you with a checklist. If you have any concerns about your child's hearing, discuss them with your health visitor or family doctor. Your child's hearing can be tested at any age.

What if the tests still do not record a strong response from one or both of my baby's ears?

If this happens your audiologist will explain what the results mean. Further tests may be needed before you know about your baby's hearing. There are different types and levels of hearing loss. The results of the tests done at the clinic will help the audiologist ensure that you and your baby get the right support and information.

What if I am unable to attend?

If you are **unable to attend for whatever reason** please let us know as soon as possible by telephone on **(0191) 569 9367**.

This will mean that time and resources are not wasted and that are able to offer a better service.

What if I have any questions?

If you have a specific query about the hearing assessment please contact Ed Brown (Consultant Audiological Scientist) on 0191 569 9001 or ed.brown@chs.northy.nhs.uk . You can also find out more from your health visitor.

Useful Addresses

National Deaf Children's Society
0207 250 0123
www.ndcs.org.uk

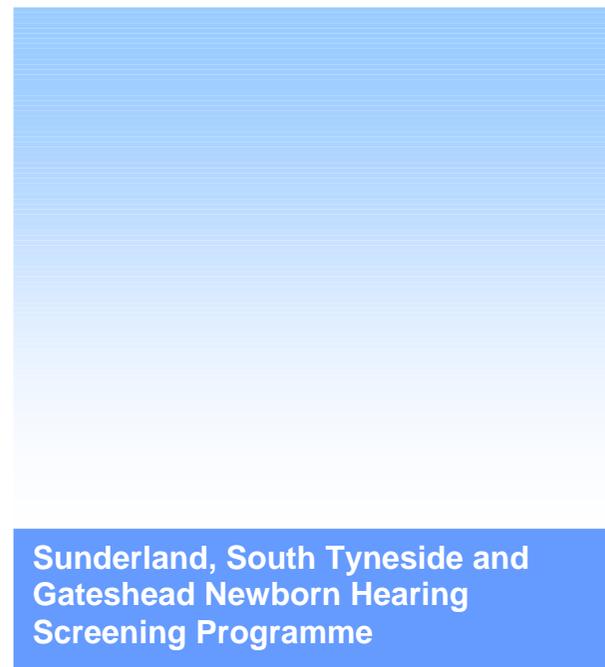
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Other useful website addresses:

www.nhs.gov.uk/
www.sunderland.nhs.uk/chs
www.rmpd.org.uk

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Follow Up Baby Hearing Tests



Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead Newborn Hearing Screening Programme

- Your Appointment is:
On: At:

- Audiology will contact you to arrange a convenient appointment

Appointment Queries Tel (0191) 569 9367

What is this leaflet about and who is it for?

This leaflet is for parents and carers of babies who have been referred for baby hearing tests following the Newborn Hearing Screen. You will also have been given a copy of "Your Baby's Visit to Audiology" by the Hearing Screener.

Why has my baby been referred for hearing tests ?

Your baby has been referred either because the screeners were unable to record a clear response on one or more ears or they were unable to perform the hearing screen.

What is the likelihood of my baby having a hearing loss?

Most babies tested at the audiology department will be found to have no hearing loss. However, there is the possibility that your baby may have a hearing loss. About one to two babies in every 1,000 are born with a hearing loss in one or both ears. For babies who have been admitted to a Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU or NICU) this increases to about one baby per 100. Finding this out early means that you and your baby will get advice and support right from the start.

My baby seems to be responding to sound. Do I need to take my baby for further tests?

It is important that you attend the appointment. This is because babies who have a hearing loss will usually react to some sounds. If your baby does have a hearing loss, it is important to find out as soon as possible.

What will happen on arrival and who will I see?

You should report to Audiology Reception, which is on the left when you enter the Chester Wing through Entrance 5. Once you have registered your attendance you should go to Waiting Area 8 (signposted Hearing Aid and Audiology).

The audiologist will collect you and take you to the hearing test room.

How long will the appointment last?

Usually, we will give you a 45 minute appointment. This will include time to settle your baby.

Where will the tests be done?

They will be done in a large sound proof room.

What tests will be done?

The test used involves three small sensors being placed on your baby's head. This is called the Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) test.

A small earpiece is placed in the entrance to your baby's ear and a series of clicks or tone pip sounds are played. A computer measures how well your baby's ears respond to sound.

This test is usually carried out when your baby is asleep. This test will give more detailed information about your baby's hearing.

The test will not hurt or be uncomfortable for your baby. You will be able to stay with your baby while the test is done.

How will I find out the results of the hearing test?

Normally, the Audiologist will be able to tell you the results at the end of the appointment.

A copy of the results will be sent to you, the screening team, your Family Doctor and Health Visitor and Child Health.