



## **NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING**

### **Patient Information Leaflet**



Children's Outpatient Department  
Hartshead South Building  
Tameside Hospital

Tel: 0161 922 6994

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## **Why screen my baby's hearing?**

A small number of babies are born with a hearing loss. Early identification is known to be important for the development of the child. A hearing screen is now being offered routinely to all babies born at Tameside Hospital, or resident in the Tameside area.

## **What does the screening test involve?**

A trained hearing screener will carry out the screening in a quiet room in the Childrens Outpatients Department. She will place a small soft tipped ear-piece in the outer part of your baby's ear, which sends clicking sounds down the ear. Using a computer, the screener can see how your baby's ears respond to sound.

## **When should I bring my baby?**

We would prefer to screen your baby as soon as possible (before he/she is **4 weeks of age**). If you do not wish to have him/her screened, please let us know. You can telephone 0161 922 6994.

## **Does my baby have to be awake?**

No. The screen works best if your baby is asleep when it is carried out. It would help the screener if you could feed and change your baby very shortly before the screen is due. Then it is likely that your baby will be settled through the screen.

Screening can be completed up to 12 weeks of age but is far more difficult as older babies are far more active and alert.

Please try to arrive at clinic early so that you will have time to settle your baby.

## **What do the results mean?**

- a) If the screening shows a strong response from both ears.  
This means your baby is unlikely to have a hearing loss.
- b) If the screening does not show a strong response from both ears.  
There are a number of reasons why it may be difficult to obtain clear responses. Your baby may be unsettled at the time of the test. They may have fluid or a temporary blockage in the ear after birth.  
You will be asked to bring your baby back for further tests.

## **When will I get the results of the screening?**

The results of the screen will usually be given at the time of the screen.

## **How to get here**

### **Getting here by bus:**

There are a number of buses that now come on to the hospital site for the most up to date information please contact your local bus company

### **Car Parking**

There is a multi-storey car park located on Fountain Street. This is a barrier operated car park. Payment must be made at the pay stations before returning to your car.

Current charges are displayed at the pay stations. There are also other parking areas which currently are pay and display areas.

## **Where can I get further information?**

Screening Team  
Tameside Hospital  
Tel: 0161 922 6994

If you have any questions you want to ask, you can use this space below to remind you

If you have a visual impairment this leaflet can be made available in bigger print or on audiotape. If you require either of these options please contact the Patient Information Centre on 0161 922 5332

If you require an interpreter, please ask an appropriate person to contact our central booking office between Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm on 0161 922 6991 to arrange this for you.

**語言翻譯及病者支持服務 (LIPS):**

如果閣下需要翻譯員在您的預約當日幫助您的話 請找一名合適的家庭成員 0161 922 6991 聯絡本中

央預約辦事處來您您安排 我們的辦公時間是星期一至星期五 上午 8 時至下午 5 時

**Językowo Tłumaczeniowa Usługa Pomocy dla Pacjenta (Language, Interpretation and Patient Support Service LIPS):**

Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy tłumacza w trakcie swojej wizyty, proszę poprosić odpowiedniego członka rodziny o skontaktowanie się z Centralnym Biurem Zamówień (Central Booking Office), w celu zorganizowania tłumacza pomiędzy poniedziałkiem a piątkiem w godzinach od 08:00 - 17:00 pod numerem 0161 922 6991.

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