**Newborn hearing screening** A guide for parents and carers

Ear Care and Audiology Services

patient information



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## Sloval

Slovensky

Ak vy alebo niekto koho poznáte potrebuje pomoc pri pochopení alebo čitaní tohto dokumentu, prosím kontaktujte nás na vyššie uvedenom čísle alebo nám pošlite e-mail.

## Kurdish Sorar

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#### Arabic

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## Urdu

اگر آپ یا آپ کے جاننے والے کسی شخص کو اس دستاویز کو سمجھنے یا پڑھنے کیلئے مدد کو ضرورت ھے تو برانے مھربانی مندرجہ بالا نمبر پرھم سے رابطہ کریں یا ھمیں ای میل کریں۔

## Farsi

اگر جناب عالی یا شخص دیگری که شما اورا می شناسید برای خواندن یا فهمیدن این مدارک نیاز به کمک دارد لطفا با ما بوسیله شماره بالا یا ایمیل تماس حاصل فرمایید.

If you require this document in another language, large print, braille, audio or easyread format, please ask our healthcare providers<sup>\*</sup>

## \*Note to healthcare providers:

Translated / easyread healthcare information can be sourced via the **Easyread websites** listed at the back of this leaflet or via contacting our translation service which can be accessed through the Hub. Your Appointment is at: **Primary Ear Care and Audiology** Rotherham Community Health Centre Greasbrough Road Rotherham Telephone: 01709 427548

Date:

Time:

If you are unable to attend the appointment at the above date and time please call **01709 427548** so that we can re-arrange the appointment to a time that is more convenient for you.

## It is very important that you attend the appointment in case further investigation into your baby's hearing is needed.

About **2 to 3 babies in every 100** do not show a clear response on the hearing screen.

If the screening results do not show a clear response from one or both of your baby's ears an appointment will be made with Audiology to see an Audiologist.

An Audiologist should see you within 4 weeks of having your baby's hearing screening.

**The Newborn Hearing Screening Programme** Aims to identify permanent, moderate, severe or profound hearing impairment in newborn babies so advice and support can be given right from the start.

# **Hearing loss**

One to two babies in every 1,000 are born with a permanent hearing loss in one or both ears. Most of these babies are born into families with no history of hearing loss.

Finding out early can give these babies a better chance at developing speech and language skills and will help babies make the most of relationships with families and carers from an early age.

# When is it done?

You will be offered the hearing screening whilst your baby is in hospital before discharge or invited to attend an appointment at a later date.

# Can these tests harm my baby?

There are no risks associated with having this screen.

## **Possible results**

If your baby has a clear response in both ears then they are unlikely to have a permanent hearing loss. However, newborn hearing screening does not pick up all types of hearing loss and children can develop hearing loss later on.

## Newborn hearing screening

It is important to check your child's hearing as they grow up. The checklist in your baby's personal child health record ('red book')

## How is the hearing screening done?

The AOAE (automated otoacoustic emission) screen takes a few minutes.

A small soft tipped earpiece is placed in your baby's ear and soft clicking sounds are played. When an ear receives sound, the inner part (called the cochlea) responds and this can be picked up by the screening equipment.

Most babies sleep right through the hearing screening

It is not always possible to get clear responses from the first screen. It can be because:

your baby was unsettled when the screen was done

- there was background noise
- your baby has fluid or a temporary blockage in their ear - this is very common and passes with time

or it could mean your baby has a hearing loss

In these cases your baby will be offered another screen. This may be the same as the first screen, or another screen called the AABR (automated auditory brainstem response). This involves 3 small sensors being placed on your baby's head and neck. Soft headphones are placed over your baby's ears and soft clicking sounds are played. It can take between 5 and 15 minutes.

## How to contact us

Rotherham Ear Care and Audiology Department **Rotherham Community Health Centre** 

Greasbrough Road Rotherham S60 1RY 01709 423145

**Rotherham Hospital Switchboard** Telephone 01709 820000

# Useful contact numbers

If it's not an emergency, please consider using a Pharmacy or call NHS 111 before going to A&E.

Action on Hearing Loss Telephone/Textphone: 01709 514268 Sensory Services Department Telephone 01709 822330

Connevans

Telephone 01737 247571

NHS 111 Service Telephone 111 Health Info

Telephone 01709 427190

**Stop Smoking Service** Telephone 01709 422444 **UECC (A&E)** Telephone 01709 424455

# For GP out of hours, contact your surgery

## **Useful websites**

www.NDCS.org.uk www.earcarecentre.com www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk www.nhs.uk www.gov.uk www.gov.uk www.patient.co.uk www.connevans.co.uk www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk www.tinnitus.org.uk

# Easyread websites

www.easyhealth.org.uk www.friendlyresources.org.uk www.easy-read-online.co.uk

## We value your comments

If you have any comments or concerns about the services we have provided please let us know, or alternatively you can contact the Patient Experience Team.

## Patient Experience Team

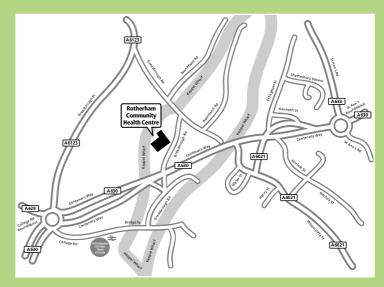
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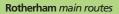
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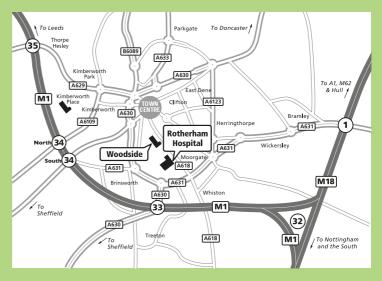
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