

## Centre for Hearing and Balance Disorders

# Your Baby's Visit to the Audiology Clinic

Your child has been referred to the Audiology Clinic for a hearing test following a diagnosis of suspected or confirmed meningitis.

The following information will help to prepare you and your baby for the hearing test at the Audiology Clinic (Clinic 8)

As you were told by the paediatrician all children who are diagnosed with suspected or confirmed meningitis are at risk of developing a permanent hearing loss so it is important that your child is seen for testing.

## Preparation

The appointment will usually take about 1 to 2 hours. This includes time to settle your baby as your baby needs to be asleep whilst testing is undertaken. Settling your baby may take a while so bring anything you need which you think will help your child to sleep such as blankets, milk or a favourite soft toy.

The tests will not hurt or be uncomfortable for your baby. You will be able to stay with your baby while the tests are done. You may want to bring a partner, friend or relative with you to the appointment.

## Testing

Once your baby is asleep the audiologist will put some sensors on your child's head. One will go on the forehead and one will go behind each ear. A small soft tip will be put in your baby's ear and some clicking sounds will be played. We will then record on a computer how your baby's ears respond to sound.

## After the hearing test

The hearing testing will finish once enough information has been obtained or if your child wakes up. The results of the test will usually be explained by the audiologist at



## Patient Information

the end of the appointment. The audiologist will explain what the results mean and whether any further tests are necessary

If you have any questions about your visit, please contact The Paediatric Audiology Team on **024 7696 6440**

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please ask and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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