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Your baby's visit to the audiology clinic



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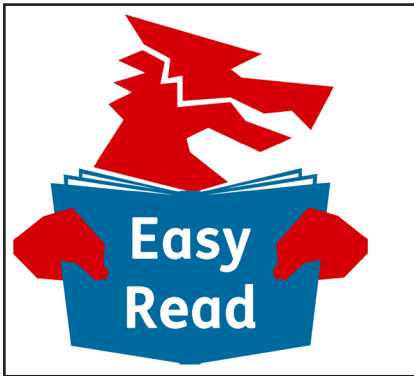
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How to use this leaflet



This is an Easy Read leaflet. The words are easy to read and understand. Words in **bold blue** writing may be hard to understand. Difficult words are in **bold** the first time they are used.



You may need help and support to read and understand this leaflet. Ask someone you know to help you.



This leaflet is available in Welsh.

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Why does my baby need another hearing test?



Your baby will be offered a new hearing test with an **audiologist**.

An **audiologist** is someone who knows a lot about hearing.



It is important to take your baby to these appointments.



The hearing screening tests did not show a **clear response**.

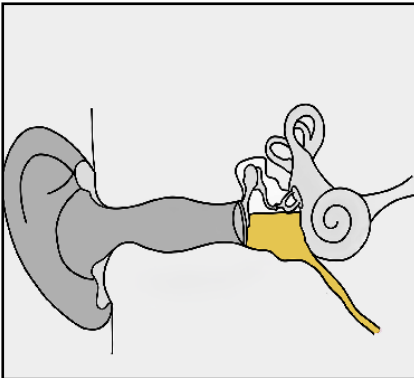
This does not mean your baby cannot hear.

A **clear response** means babies are not likely to have problems with their hearing.

Clear responses may not be seen if:

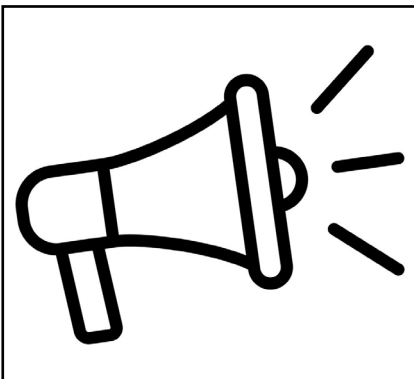


your baby was **unsettled**;



there was **fluid** in the ear from the birth;

This is known as glue ear. This is a very common and often treatable condition.



there was too much noise near your baby when the test was done; or



your baby has a **hearing loss**.

This means your baby may not be able to hear as well as they should.

How likely is it that my baby has a hearing loss?



Most babies will be able to hear but some cannot.



A smaller number of babies born can only hear in one ear.



Babies who needed **special care** may be more likely to have a hearing loss.

Special care is when a baby is born early or is unwell.



Finding out early if your baby cannot hear well is important.

This is so you can get help for you and your baby.



Babies who cannot hear well may find it harder to learn to talk.



Most babies who cannot hear will be born into families who can hear.

About the test



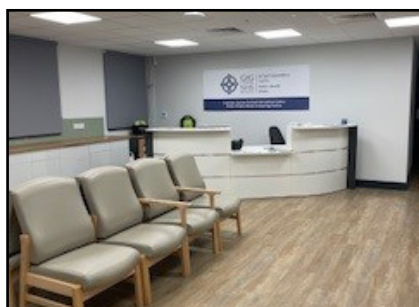
You will be sent an appointment.

This will be within four weeks of your baby's hearing **screening** test result.



Some babies have their screening test on the special care baby unit.

For these babies, the appointment will be sent within eight weeks.



The test will be done in a **hospital clinic**.

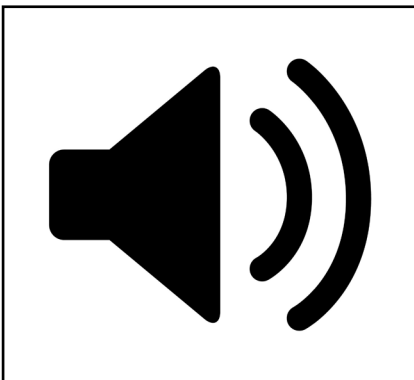


An audiologist will carry out the test.



The audiologist may use different tests.

A small soft-tipped earpiece may be put into your baby's ear.



This makes a clicking sound.



A different test may be done.

This is where small sticky pads are put on your baby's head and behind the ears.



Small earphones are put into or over your baby's ears.

Tests are done while your baby is asleep.



The audiologist will look at your baby's hearing results on a computer.



The audiologist will tell you the result of the test straightaway.



They will tell you what happens next.

They will tell you if your baby can hear the sounds.



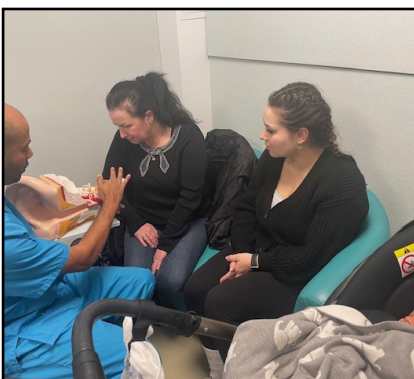
If your baby cannot hear the sounds, the audiologist may do more tests.



These tests will not hurt or harm your baby.



It can take up to 2 hours.



You can stay with your baby while the test is done.

Further Tests



A small **sound maker** may be placed behind your baby's ear.



This test will show if there is fluid in the ear.



The audiologist may repeat a test your baby has already had.



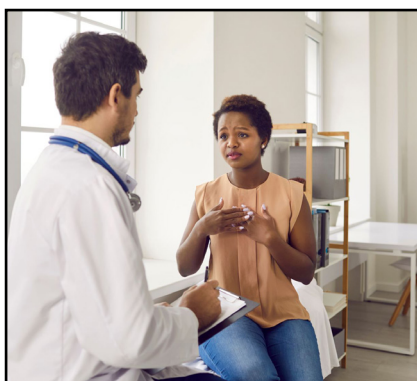
The audiologist will answer any questions you have.



If your baby cannot hear, you will be given support and more information.



We know this can be a worrying time.



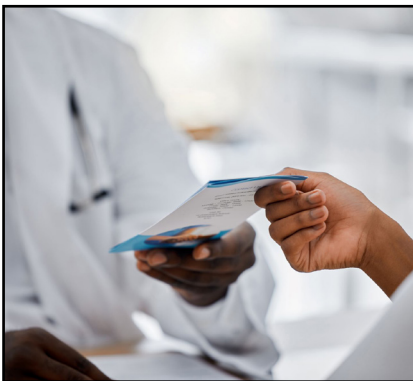
Talk to your audiologist, health visitor, or someone you trust.

Results

Normal hearing in both ears.



Your baby will not need any more testing at this time.



The audiologist will give you more information.



They will tell you what to do if you are ever worried.

Hearing loss found.



This could be in one or both of your baby's ears.



There are different types and levels of hearing loss.



The audiologist will explain what this means.



You may be offered more tests for your baby.

The audiologist will give you more information about what happens next.

Where can I get more information?



Phone:

South East Wales: 029 2184 3568

South West Wales: 01792 343364

North Wales: 03000 848710



E-mail:

newborn-hearing-screening@wales.nhs.uk



You can contact us in Welsh or English. It will take us the same amount of time to answer you whichever language you choose.



For more information about screening and the different tests, visit our website:

www.phw.nhs.wales/newborn-hearing-screening



You can also contact the National Deaf Children's Society.

www.ndcs.org.uk

Phone: 020 7490 8656

E-mail: ndcs@ndcs.org.uk



Go for screening when invited.



Keep up to date with you and your baby's **vaccinations** when offered.

A **vaccine** is a medicine that keeps you safe from catching an illness.



Stop smoking. You can get free help to support you to stop smoking.

Ring Help Me Quit on: **0800 085 2219**



Eat healthy food.



Move more.



Drink less alcohol.