

**Hearing Screening referrals for babies within St Peters Hospital
Guidance for medical staff / Referral Form**

NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAMME GUIDELINES	
<p>1. Risk factors that require immediate referral The following babies will be excluded from the routine hearing screen and should continue to be directly referred by the paediatricians to Paediatric Audiology</p>	Please tick box
Babies diagnosed or strongly suspected of neonatal bacterial meningitis or meningococcal septicaemia or Cytomegalovirus	
Babies with microtia / external ear canal atresia	
Babies with proven levels of ototoxic medication (only if this is after hearing screening is complete, if proven levels before screen then only TFU required – PLEASE do referral to audiology)	
Babies with programmable ventriculo-peritoneal shunts	
Or any professional concern re hearing requiring referral , please specify : 	
<p>2. Risk Factors requiring targeted follow up hearing screen at 7-9mths of age. The following babies will be referred by the Newborn Hearing Screening team.</p>	Please tick box
Congenital Infection Toxoplasmosis, Rubella or CMV	
Craniofacial abnormalities – including branchial arch and cervical spine anomalies, ear anomalies and cleft palate (not pre-auricular skin tags with normal pinna, or cleft lip with a normal palate)	
Syndrome associated with a hearing loss	
NICU babies with unclear AOAe's but clear AABR	
Gentamicin level >2mcg in well babies NICU babies to be referred by medical staff receiving the blood result. PLEASE see above.	DOCTORS ONLY
3. Risk Factors no longer requiring targeted hearing screen at 7-9mths of age	
Family history of sensorineural hearing loss	
Ventilation for >5days or ECMO	
Jaundice(only babies with severe conjugated hyperbilirubinemia need referral for assessment)	
Neuro-development or neurodegenerative disorder	
Therapeutic whole body cooling (previously Birth Asphyxia HIE grade 2 or 3)	

Referral centre and details:

1. Babies resident in Berkshire

Paediatric Lead, Hearing & Balance Services, King Edward VII Hospital, St Leonards Rd, Windsor, SL4 3DP BKS-tr.hearingandbalance@nhs.net

2. Babies resident in Surrey

Paediatric Lead, Audiology Dept, Royal Surrey, Egerton rd, Guildford , GU2 7XX by Post or NHS email to rsc-tr.Paedenquiries@nhs.net

If you have any concerns, please phone the Newborn Hearing screening office on 01483 783107 or Val Holdich on 07824451192

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