

## **NEWBORN HEARING SCREENERS**

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OUR OFFICE IS ON 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOSPITAL .

WE COVER BETWEEN 7.30am and 5.15pm EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY

### **OUR OUTPATIENT CLINICS**

MON- MOLEHILL COPSE CLINIC, MAIDSTONE

WED – PAEDIATRIC AUDIOLOGY DEPT, SEVENOAKS HOSPITAL.

THURS – WOODLANDS CHILDREN’S CENTRE, EAST MALLING

FRI – WOMEN AND CHILDRENS’ OUTPATIENTS, TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOSPITAL.

### **ABOUT THE NEWBORN HEARING SCREEN:**

- THE NEWBORN HEARING SCREEN IS OFFERED TO ALL BABIES AGED FROM FIVE HOURS OLD TO TEN WEEKS OF AGE (OR FROM 34 WEEKS GESTATIONAL AGE). BABIES BORN BY CAESAREAN SECTION ARE USUALLY SCREENED AFTER A PERIOD OF TWO DAYS TO ALLOW EAR CANALS TO CLEAR.
- THE HEARING SCREEN IS IDEALLY COMPLETED PRIOR TO DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE (E.G. FOR EARLY DISCHARGED BABIES OR BABIES BORN AT HOME OR IN THE COMMUNITY) AN OUTPATIENT APPOINTMENT IS OFFERED.
- FOR SUCCESSFUL SCREENING TO TAKE PLACE, WE REQUIRE BABIES TO BE AS SETTLED AS POSSIBLE (PREFERABLY ASLEEP) AND MINIMAL BACKGROUND NOISE.
- PRIOR TO SCREENING, WE REQUIRE VERBAL CONSENT FROM A PARENT OR PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SCREEN TO TAKE PLACE. BABIES WHO HAVE SPENT 48 HOURS OR MORE IN SPECIAL CARE WILL ALSO REQUIRE A COMPLETED RISK FACTOR SHEET.
- BABIES WHO HAVE SPENT 48 HOURS OR MORE IN SPECIAL CARE AND/OR BABIES WITH RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH HEARING LOSS WILL REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL (AABR) HEARING SCREEN AS WELL AS THE USUAL (AOAE) HEARING SCREEN.