



NHS Newborn Hearing Screening Programme: Information for parents regarding electronically stored data

- You have been given the information about the Newborn Hearing Screen and understand what it involves and have seen the relevant information about screening tests for you and your baby Screening tests for you and your baby (STFYAYB) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).
- You have had the chance to talk about the Newborn Hearing Screen with your hearing screener and your questions were answered clearly.
- You understand that even with a clear response from the screen, your baby could go on to develop a hearing loss later.

The details of your baby, the screening results and, if needed, any hearing tests after the screen will be kept on the NHS screening information system used by the Royal Berkshire Hospital (if your baby's care is shared with or transferred to or from another Trust, they can also access their details).

All staff that work in or with the NHS are required as a matter of law to keep information about you and your baby confidential. The information will be shared with your doctor, health visitor and other health professionals involved with screening and any subsequent investigations and treatment (if required).

The screening information collected will be used anonymously for monitoring the success and evaluating the benefits of the screening program. All requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 will be met during the storage and use of the data.

You may ask for and receive a copy of the information held about your baby at any time, either from your health professional or via this link to our website if you have been discharged from hospital care <https://www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk/contact-us/your-information-and-health-records>

If you choose not to take up this offer of screening, we will keep a record to show that we have contacted you and that you have declined the screening, and we will let your GP and health visitor know that your baby has not been screened.

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