

Newborn Hearing Screening – Information for SCBU parents

This leaflet has been written to provide information on the Newborn Hearing Screening team to parents whose baby/babies have been admitted to the special care baby unit (Buscot Neonatal Ward). If you are unsure about anything then please contact us using the details provided below.

Introduction

We are the Newborn Hearing Screening Team (based on the maternity wards downstairs). You may well see us around in SCBU as we pop up every afternoon during the week as well as on a Saturday or Sunday. We wear white tunics with black piping on the collar and sleeves and black trousers if you want to keep an eye out for us.

When your baby is at least 34 weeks old, is well enough and has completed any treatments, their hearing screening can be carried out. The screen can be carried out up to the age of 3 months. We will talk to you individually and in more detail, to gain consent before the screen is carried out and you can request to be present during the screen.

While some babies only stay in SCBU for a short time, we are aware that others may be here for considerably longer. As such, we just wanted to give you a little more information about who we are and what we do, so please feel free to ask us any questions when we are on the unit, or contact us directly at a time to suit you.

You will find further details about the newborn hearing screen in the booklet: Babies in special care units: screening tests for your baby (page 6). However, please feel free to contact us at the Newborn Hearing Screening Office on 0118 322 7556 or email rbft.screening@nhs.net

Thank you, The Newborn Hearing Screening Team

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