

Newborn Hearing Screening Programme
Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust
NHSP Website: <http://www.hearing.screening.nhs.uk>

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 one of these booklets / leaflets:

- **Screening tests for you and your baby**
- **Screening tests for your baby**
- **Your baby's hearing screening test** (NICU /SCBU babies).

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 babies are shared or transferred their details can be viewed by other trusts).

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).

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 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.

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 screen, and we will let your GP and health visitor know that your baby has not been screened.

This document can be made available in other languages and formats upon request.