Newborn hearing screening
NICU/SCBU protocol

Identify eligible population

Provide information and offer screening test

Consent declined

Provide checklist and inform GP/HV

Consent given

Automated otoacoustic emission (AOAE) screening test and Automated auditory brainstem response (AABR) screening test

AABR clear response in both ears and AOAE no clear response in both ears

Refer for audiological assessment at 7-9 months of age

AABR clear response in both ears and AOAE clear response in both ears

AABR clear response in both ears and AOAE no clear response in one ear

Consider other risk factors requiring surveillance

AABR no clear response or inconclusive result in one or both ears

Refer for early audiological assessment within 4 weeks of screening completion or 44 weeks gestational age

Baby has atresia, bacterial meningitis, confirmed cCMV or a programmable shunt

Refer for audiological assessment

If risks are present, refer for audiological assessment at 7-9 months of age

If risks are absent discharge