

## Hearing

### ***Why are hearing tests needed?***

Hearing tests are needed to make sure your child can hear properly. Your child may also need checks if a hearing problem has been spotted.

It is important hearing tests are done so the right support and treatment can be given.

Regular hearing tests are carried out as your child grows up, starting not long after your baby has been born.

Tests can also be done at any age if you have concerns.

If any problems are found, your child will be sent to the right place for help.

### ***What happens during a hearing test?***

Your GP or practice nurse might look at your child's ears, but usually hearing tests are done by a specialist.

Different tests are used to check how well the ears are working and how well they can hear different levels of sound.

Different tests are used for adults and children but none of them hurt.

### ***What should I do if I have concerns about my child's hearing?***

If you're worried about your child's hearing, you can ask your GP for a hearing test. You can also speak to your health visitor or school nurse.

Problems with your child's hearing cannot always be fixed if left for too long, so it is important to keep appointments for hearing checks and to raise any worries as soon as possible.