What happens to the results?
The results of the screen and any further assessment needed will be discussed with you by the nurse. The screening results will be sent to the Children's Audiology Service to ensure that appropriate follow-up and referral can be arranged. The information will also help to monitor the quality of the program. All personal health information is confidential.

What if I can’t attend an appointment to have my baby’s hearing screen done?
If your baby misses a newborn hearing screening appointment please contact your local CaFHS clinic on 1300 733 606, Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm to make an appointment to have your baby’s hearing screening process completed. Every effort will be made to ensure that your baby has the opportunity to complete their newborn hearing screening process. However, if you do not attend three appointments, you will receive a letter from the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening program, advising you that your baby has been discharged from the program.

For more information
If you have any questions about the hearing screening program, or if you are anxious about your baby’s screening results at any stage, further information and advice is available from:

Children's Audiology Service
- the Universal Neonatal Hearing Screening Program
Monday to Friday
8am–4pm
Telephone: 8303 1585

Or you can view the Universal Neonatal Hearing Screening Program web page at: www.cafhs.sa.gov.au

Your baby’s follow-up hearing screening
Information for parents of newborn babies
Today your baby’s hearing was screened. As a result, your baby has been referred for a second hearing screen. This pamphlet explains why your baby needs a second hearing screen and what it will involve.

Why does my baby need another hearing screen?
Some babies need to have a second hearing screen because the first screen did not show a strong enough response from the baby’s ears.

Some common reasons for needing another hearing screen are:
> Your baby’s ears were still too moist to respond to the first screen. It can take a few days for this moisture to dry.
> There was some other matter which entered the ear canal during birth. This is very common and it will clear with time.
> Your baby may have some degree of hearing loss.

Where will the second screen be done?
The second hearing screen will be done by a Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS) nurse.

What does the second screen involve?
The second hearing screen is the same as your baby’s first hearing screen. It is not painful for your baby and it is done while they are asleep. You will be given the results of the test as soon as the test is completed.

My baby seems to be responding to sounds. Is a second screen really necessary?
Most babies are found to have no hearing loss after the second screen, but it is still very important that your baby has the second screen. Babies who have a hearing loss will still usually react to some sounds. If your baby does have a hearing loss it is very important that you find out as soon as possible.

If your baby has a PASS result from the second hearing screening
This means that your baby almost certainly has good hearing.

The results of newborn hearing screening give a good indication of your baby’s hearing at the time that the screening process is completed. Most children with permanent hearing loss already have this condition from birth, but it is possible for a child to develop a hearing loss later because of inherited conditions, middle ear infections or certain other infections or illnesses.

If you have any concerns about your child’s hearing, or speech and language at any time, talk to your doctor or community child and family health nurse.

If your baby has a REFER result from the second hearing screening
If your baby has a refer result from the second screen you will be referred to a paediatric audiologist (a specialist in testing the hearing of babies and children). This is a free service. The CaFHS nurse will discuss this with you.

What the audiologist will do?
The audiologist will conduct a full hearing assessment. If there is a hearing loss the test will show how much hearing loss there is and if it is likely to be temporary or permanent.

If appropriate, the audiologist will refer you to other specialists, for example an Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist.