Does a positive hearing screening mean that your child is "certainly" hearing impaired?

No, but it does mean that your child's hearing must be checked.

The first hearing screening was positive. What does this mean for my child?

A positive hearing screening does not necessarily mean that your child has a hearing impairment. For children with abnormal hearing, a further, detailed examination of the hearing system must be carried out so that the correct diagnosis can be made and therapy initiated as soon as possible. The Hearing Screening Central will be happy to advise you and provide you with addresses of clinics/doctors who can carry out these examinations. These are mainly ENT doctors and paediatric audiologists, so-called follow up 1 sites (FU 1).

If this control examination is also positive, a paedaudiological confirmation diagnosis is carried out in a corresponding centre (FU 2). The participation in the newborn hearing screening as well as the transmission of the data to the Hearing Screening Central is highly recommended, but in principle voluntary.

Why is the hearing screening data sent to a Hearing Screening Central in Hesse?

After a positive hearing screening, the Hearing Screening Central supports the family in ensuring that the necessary control and clarification diagnostics are carried out as quickly as possible. If necessary, it contacts the parents by post or telephone and helps to find doctors or clinics that can carry out the necessary examinations on request. In order to ensure the quality of the hearing screening program, the Hearing Screening Central receives the results of all follow-up examinations, and ensures that parents have not forgotten a follow-up examination. This ensures the high quality of the hearing screening programme in Hesse. Various scientific studies have shown that without such supporting "tracking" measures, many positive test findings are insufficiently followed up or clarified.

Privacy policy

All data provided to the Hearing Screening Central with your consent (measurement data, results of control and follow-up examinations, screening ID number, surname, first name, date of birth of the child and mother's surname, address and telephone number) will be anonymised after the child reaches the age of 6. Of course, you can also request the deletion of all data about your child from the Hearing Screening Central at any time. The data stored within the Hearing Screening Central at the Hessian Children's Healthcare Centre cannot be viewed by third parties.

It is the task of the Hearing Screening Central at the Hessian Children's Healthcare Centre to ensure that children with positive test findings take part in the control / follow-up examinations in order to detect and treat hearing disorders at an early stage and, if necessary, to prevent speech development disorders caused by them.

We wish all the best for your child in terms of hearing, speech and communication development and hope that the work of the Hearing Screening Central will contribute to this development.

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Our goal... ...is the welfare of your child.
Dear Parent,

Most children are born healthy. However, there are congenital hearing disorders, e.g. due to frequent middle ear infections during infancy. Depending on the severity of the hearing disorder, one or two hearing aids may be needed. In the case of a proven early childhood hearing disorder, appropriate therapy should be initiated by the end of the 6th month of life. Ear infections can only be cured when treated early, but can lead to hearing disorders if untreated. Remaining hearing disorders occur in about 2 out of 1000 newborn babies.

The newborn hearing screening is performed in the first days of life. It can be carried out in most maternity clinics. Parents with children born early or on outpatient care who have not yet undergone hearing examination (newborn hearing screening) to ensure an early detection of hearing disorders. This is based on the Children's Directive "Introduction of the "Newborn Hearing Screening" of the Joint Federal Committee (GBA) of November 26, 2004": "All newborns are offered an early detection examination (newborn hearing screening) to establish the transmission of all data to the Hearing Screening Central in Hesse at the Hessian Children's Healthcare Centre supports this."

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The hearing screening is carried out in the first days of the child's life (usually after the 24th hour of life) at the maternity clinic. Parents with children born early or on outpatient care who have not yet undergone hearing examination (newborn hearing screening) to ensure an early detection of hearing disorders. This is based on the Children's Directive "Introduction of the "Newborn Hearing Screening" of the Joint Federal Committee (GBA) of November 26, 2004": "All newborns are offered an early detection examination (newborn hearing screening) to establish the transmission of all data to the Hearing Screening Central in Hesse at the Hessian Children's Healthcare Centre supports this."