



Information for Health Visitors

New born blood spot screening

Screening Link Health Visitors (SLHV) cover Cumbria.

SLHV's perform a daily review of outstanding new born screening results between 14 and 364 days who have no results recorded on the Child Health Information Service and follow up any outstanding screening results.

SLHV's have extended knowledge of the 9 conditions that are screened

1. Congenital hypothyroidism (CHT)
2. Cystic fibrosis (CF)
3. Glutaric aciduria type 1 (GAI)
4. Homocystinuria (HCU)
5. Isoleucic acidemia (IVA)
6. Maple syrup urine disease (MSUD)
7. Phenylketonuria (PKU)
8. Sickle cell disease
9. Medium chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (MCADD)

SLHV's have the competency to carry out the new born blood spot screen on

- babies born out of the area
- move into Cumbria under 1 year of age
- who have not received the UK screening programme.

For those babies who move in to Cumbria and require screening, the SLHVs will contact the family to arrange a screening test and then inform the family by letter (also uploaded to RIO) once the laboratory results have been confirmed.

If a screening test for Cystic fibrosis indicates that the baby has carrier status or further screening is required the SLHV's will visit the family to provide information and support. This can be arranged as a joint visit with the family Health Visitor. SLHV's have received additional training on how to share this information with families in a sensitive way.

The SLHV's liaise with the laboratories and specialist services nursing at the regional hospitals (Manchester for south Cumbria and Newcastle for north, west and east



Cumbria) with health visitors and GP's when there is a positive screen or a repeat screen is required for clinical reasons.

The SLHV's are qualified, and competent to support the Health Visitor teams around the new born blood spot screen. They also provide training and updates as required.

SLHV's are requested by Public Health England to perform Hepatitis B serology testing via heel prick procedure on babies at one year old who have been identified as requiring the Hepatitis B immunization programme.

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For more information on all the screening tests see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/newborn-blood-spot-screening-programme-supporting-publications>

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