Understanding the Hearing Health Check

An ear and hearing check simply gives us a snapshot of your child's ear and hearing health. It is not a diagnostic assessment and further follow-up may be required.

1. **Otoscopy**

   Otoscopy is the first check we do. It shows us how your child's ear, ear canal and ear drum look. We are looking for anything unusual that your doctor may need to check.

2. **Tympanometry**

   Tympanometry is the second check we do. It tells us how well your child's ear drums and middle ears are working. Type A means your child's ear drum is working well. Type B or C mean your child's ear drum may not be moving as well as it should.

3. **Audiometry**

   Audiometry is the final check. It tells us how well your child can hear different sounds. If a number is higher than 25 it means your child might be having trouble hearing that sound.

4. **Results**

   The results section gives you a summary of all the checks performed. If your child has not passed their ear and hearing check they may need to have another check or see the doctor.

5. **Recommendations**

   This section is important! It tells you what needs to happen next. If your child has been referred to the doctor it is important you take them along for further follow-up.

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