



## Orthopaedic Department

### Information for parents and carers

### Referral to Baby Hip Clinic

#### Introduction

The aim of this fact sheet is to inform you that you will shortly receive a letter from Alder Hey Hospital. You will be asked to ring Alder Hey to make an appointment at the Baby Hip Clinic.

Your baby will have been referred for an assessment at the Baby Hip Clinic because there is a concern that your baby is at risk of a hip problem.

Only a small number of babies referred for screening will be found to have a problem.

Hip problems found in the early weeks of life can generally be treated with a splint. If the problem is left untreated your baby may need to have a prolonged period in a plaster cast or require surgery.

#### Remember

Ring Alder Hey Hospital as soon as you receive this letter so that there is no delay in your baby being allocated an appointment.

#### Who to contact for more information

Please speak to your Midwife or Health Visitor if you require further information about your baby's referral.

This fact sheet gives only general information. You must always discuss the individual treatment of your child with the appropriate member of staff. Do not rely on this fact sheet alone for information about your child's treatment.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats if requested

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