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Dear Parent/Carer

The School Nursing Service in Bradford District Care Foundation Trust provides a health service to all school aged children.

We would like to see your child in school to undertake a hearing test, this will be performed by a member of the school nursing team. The school nursing team will arrange the session with the school and each child will be seen individually for the test. Children will not be made to participate if they do not want to.

National guidance from the British Society of Audiology advises caution in audiological assessment for people who have a PVP shunt. If your child has a shunt, please inform the school nursing team as your child will not have their screening carried out in school, but your child will be referred directly to the audiology department for assessment.

As an inclusive service, we would like to provide some assurance for children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). We understand that for some children, interventions like these may be challenging, however we will allow extra time and preparation support for those children who require this. We encourage early exposure to positive interventions with nurses to help build confidence with medical interventions in later life. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the School Nursing Service.

We will always contact you if we need to refer your child for further tests/investigations following the hearing test. Otherwise, if you do not hear from us, please assume the test was within normal limits.

If you are happy for your child to have a hearing test completed you do not need to do anything, they will be seen in school in due course.

If you do not want your child to have a hearing test and would like to **opt out or your child has a medical condition that affects their hearing then please click on this link.**

<https://bradford.childscreening.co.uk/Forms/ChildScreeningOptOut>

The opt out form needs to be completed within 2 weeks of receiving this email. If you have problems with the link please ring our School Nursing Admin Hub: 01274 221223 / 221203.

By agreeing for your child to be seen you are consenting to the information about your child being recorded and becoming part of your child's health record. This information is held on a secure confidential electronic system and shared with other health professionals involved in your child's care including your child's GP.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, on the above number, if you have any further queries.

The School Nursing Team

Interim Chair: Carole Panteli
Chief Executive: Therese Patten

The information we collect and what it is used for

Your child's data

Your child's height, weight, date of measurement, sex and date of birth are used to calculate your child's weight category (also known as body mass index, or BMI).

Your child's name, date of birth and NHS Number are used to link your child's measurements in reception and year 6.

Other data sets held by NHS England and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) may also be linked to allow information from health and education records to be added, where lawful to do so. This helps understand how and why the weight of children is changing, and how this affects children's health and education and how the care children receive can be improved. These other data sets may include your child's health data relating to:

their birth

hospital care (including time in hospital and out-patient appointments and diagnosis of medical conditions)

mental health

social care

primary care (including all healthcare outside of hospital, such as GP and dental appointments)

public health (including data relating to preventing ill health, such as immunisation records)

records for when and the reason why people pass away

medical conditions, such as cancer and diabetes

health, lifestyle and wellbeing surveys that your child has participated in

Your child's ethnicity and address are used to help understand some of the reasons for the difference and changes in child weight across England.

Why we need your contact details

We need your address to send you your child's feedback letter. This will include your child's measurements together with information about healthy eating, being active and related activities available in your area.

We need your email address and phone number because we may:

contact you by email or phone to discuss your child's feedback

send you your child's feedback letter by email

offer you further support following your child's height and weight measurement

How the data is used

All the data collected is also used for research and planning to improve health, care and services.

All this information is treated confidentially and held securely. No individual measurements will be given to school staff or other children.

The information collected from all schools in the area will be gathered together and held securely by Bradford Metropolitan District Council. We will store your child's information as part of the local child health record on the NHS's child health information database and share it with the child's GP.

We will send all the information collected about your child to NHS England. NHS England is responsible for collecting data and information about health and care so that it can be used to monitor and improve the care provided to people across England.

The information collected about your child will also be shared by NHS England with the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) which is part of DHSC but in a de-personalised form only. This means OHID will not be able to identify your child.

Both NHS England and OHID will use the information from the NCMP to better understand numbers and trends in child weight and BMI. This helps to plan services to support healthy lifestyles in your area. No information will ever be published by NHS England or OHID that identifies your child. NHS England uses the data to produce [National Child Measurement Programme statistics reports](#) showing trends at national and local level.

De-personalised information from the NCMP may also be shared by NHS England with other organisations, such as universities. This is to help improve health, care and services through research and planning. This information cannot be used to identify your child. NHS England only ever shares information for research through formal assurance and approvals processes, seeking advice from experts as necessary.

How your child's data is collected and processed as part of the National Child Measurement Programme

Local authorities have a legal duty to collect the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) data. They do this by following guidance from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), part of the Department of Health and Social Care.

Local authorities are responsible for making decisions on how the data is collected and making sure it is protected. Local NCMP service providers are contracted to do the measurements. This might be through the school nursing team or a local healthcare provider. The team collecting the data enter it into the NCMP IT system, which is provided by NHS England. The data may also be entered into a local child health information system.

Your local authority is responsible for sending the data to NHS England. NHS England and OHID are jointly responsible for the data held at a national level. Your local authority is responsible for the data held locally.