

APPENDIX C

Screening tools for vestibular dysfunction in the paediatric clinic

Screening Tool	Sign to prompt referral for vestibular testing
Farmer's Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be performed in a baby up to 6 weeks of age• If the infant's eyes deviate towards the side of travel when held under the arms and rotated from side to side, this suggests vestibular function is present.
Office Chair Rotation Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The child may sit on the parent's lap and the chair is spun round several times, enough to induce post-rotational nystagmus in the parent.• On stopping the chair, a lack of post-rotational nystagmus suggests vestibular dysfunction.
Halmagyi Head Thrust Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires child to be able to fixate on a target e.g. a sticker on the clinician's forehead• Turn the child's head quickly and unpredictably to 10-15° neck rotation.• The child's eyes should remain fixated on the target throughout.• If the child's eyes are dragged off the target by the turning of the head followed by a catch-up saccade back to the target after the turning to head, this suggests vestibular dysfunction.