

ANCHOR Survey: Part One

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We invite a representative from your organisation or service to take part in the Australian National Child Hearing Health Outcomes Registry (ANCHOR) Aim 1 Survey: *Mapping Australia's Hearing Health Services and Databases*.

What is ANCHOR?

ANCHOR is a 3-year project funded by the NHMRC and endorsed by the Department of Health and Age Care's Hearing Services Program.

ANCHOR's vision is to provide:

- A national child evidence base for future hearing policies, service delivery models and supports;
- A mechanism for improved models of service delivery and equity of access;
- A pathway to national reporting for educational outcomes; and
- A national platform to facilitate population-based research for DHH children

What are the aims of this survey?

The primary objective of this survey is to describe existing child hearing health services, databases and outcome measures across Australia.

The survey will contribute towards the overarching objective of the project by helping:

- Determine the feasibility of the proposed ANCHOR
- Plan data linkage between databases (Victorian and Queensland), and to inform the development of a model for a future national registry (other states).
- Determine a core set of outcomes to be measured for Australian deaf and hard of hearing children.

What will be the outcome of this survey?

The outcome of this survey will be a report that describes all existing Australian child hearing health-related services, databases and outcome measures, including:

- Data and database types,
- Current reporting arrangements,
- Coverage and quality of data,
- Ability to link to other data collections,
- Relevant policies, frameworks and procedures, and
- Stakeholder willingness to work towards ANCHOR.

Who is this survey for?

We invite a representative from every organisation offering hearing health, education, support, advocacy or research to deaf and hard of hearing children up to 18 years of age in Australia to complete the survey, including organisations or services that offer:

- Universal newborn hearing screening (UNHS)
- Post-UNHS hearing screening

- Diagnostic audiology
- Hearing rehabilitation service
- Early intervention specifically for DHH children
- Allied health (e.g. speech pathology, psychology, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, optometry, other)
- Medical services (e.g. paediatrics, ENT (Ear Nose Throat), genetics, ophthalmology either public or private)
- Education (preschool, primary or secondary)
- Parent support (either health professional support, parent mentoring, peer to peer support or other)
- Deaf advocacy
- Maternal and child health
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service
- Research registry or longitudinal cohort

If you are not the key representative of your organisation, please discuss with your organisation lead who is the best person to fill in this survey.

Data storage and confidentiality

Due to the commercially sensitive nature of some questions, identifiable data from this report will not be shared. All your responses will be kept confidential, and no organisation will be identified in any publication of results. Only group level data will be reported. You and your organisation will have the opportunity to view the report of results prior to publication.

Data will be stored electronically on secure servers at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute in Melbourne.

Instructions

You can skip questions if you are not able to provide all types of information.

This survey will take up to one hour if your organisation provides one main hearing health service. It could take up to two hours if your organisation provides several hearing health services.

If you cannot complete the survey in one session your answers will be saved and you will receive a return code so you can return and complete the survey at a later time.

If you would like to know more about ANCHOR, please click for a pop up information box.

If you have any questions or prefer to complete the questionnaire in an online meeting format with researchers, please contact us by email anchor@mcri.edu.au or indicate on the following page.

Please continue to the survey.

Please tell us where your service/organisation operates (select all that apply):

- ☐ Australian Capital Territory
- ☐ New South Wales
- ☐ Northern Territory

☐	South Australia
☐	Tasmania
☐	Queensland
☐	Victoria
☐	Western Australia

This survey has two/three parts:

- **Part One:** About your organisation, services provided, information recorded and data governance. This section could be filled out by a key representative of your organisation. This could be a manager, health/education professional or senior administrator. We hope to use information from Part One to gain an understanding of existing child hearing datasets to help determine whether a child hearing national database may be possible in the future, what outcomes measures may be feasibly collected and identify barriers to its possible implementation.
- **Part Two:** About costs, including the estimated cost of staffing, data collection, data entry and database management and the potential cost of data systems change. This part comprises of a spreadsheet that we will send via email. Part two can be completed later by a staff member who has information about staff salaries and other costs. We hope to use information from Part Two to determine the feasibility and projected costs of adopting a future child hearing national database.
- **Part Three:** (VIC and QLD only) About the database and data governance. This section asks technical questions about your organisation's databases. This section can be completed by a data/database manager or IT officer, however if your organisation does not have a specific data person, please fill out the questions as best you can. We hope to use information from Part Three to plan data linkage between Victorian and Queensland data sets.

If you have any questions or prefer to complete the questionnaire in an online meeting format with researchers, please contact us by email anchor@mcrci.edu.au or indicate below.

Do you prefer to complete the survey in an online meeting and/or would you like someone from the ANCHOR team to contact you to answer questions about the survey?	Yes, I would like someone from the ANCHOR team to contact me
	No, I will proceed to the survey now
(If yes) When would you like us to contact you, and what is your preferred contact method (phone or email)? Please provide your contact details below.	

Your contact details

Your full name

Name of your organisation/service

Your role

Email address

Phone number

Consent

By ticking this box and continuing with the survey, I consent to:

1. Participation in the Australian National Child Hearing health Outcomes Registry (ANCHOR) Aim 1 Survey.

2. Use of the information I provide:

- a. To help determine the feasibility of a National Child Hearing health Outcomes Registry
- b. To help determine a core set of outcomes to be measured for Australian deaf and hard of hearing children
- c. To plan data linkage between databases (Victorian and Queensland), OR to inform the development of a model for a future national registry (other states).

3. To be contacted by the ANCHOR team if they need to clarify any answers or need more information.

☐ Yes

☐ No

I have received approval from the CEO/Director/Senior staff member at my organisation to participate in this survey on behalf of my organisation or service.

☐ Yes

☐ No

OR I do not require additional organisational approval to participate

☐ Yes

Approving person's name	
Approving person's role	
Date approval given	
Research staff to upload email correspondence demonstrating organisation has approved participation in the Aim 1 survey.	

Before we start

What is data?

This survey contains questions related to information or "data" that is collected and recorded by your organisation or service. To help you answer the questions as accurately as possible, the ANCHOR team defines data as ***any piece of information that is recorded about a client, whether it is personal, demographic, clinical, or service-related.*** For example:

- Personally identifying information (name, date of birth, Medicare number, phone number, email address, home address)
- Other demographic Information (e.g. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, language spoken)
- Health service use information (e.g. referrals and appointment attendance)
- Clinical information (e.g. audiology data, medical diagnoses, test results)
- Research information (e.g. information collected or used for research purposes)

Data can include information that is stored electronically in a database, or physically on paper records.

We will ask you whether your organisation/service routinely records various types of information in either of the following formats:

1. Data is recorded in a **field** (stored electronically)
2. Data is recorded in **notes only** (either electronically or on paper)

What is a field?

A field is an area of a database or electronic record which captures a single, specific piece of information or data.

Information can be entered into a field in a number of ways, including:

- Text (e.g. name)
- Numerical (e.g. a hearing threshold)
- From a date calendar (e.g. date of birth)
- From a dropdown menu (e.g. degree of hearing loss)
- Checkbox

A field differs from general notes in that you cannot or would not enter anything into a field besides the specific piece of information that the field is designed for. Additionally, notes can be either electronic or paper records, but fields are only in electronically stored data.

An example of data stored as notes is shown below.

"21/1/23 John's audiogram today indicates:

Right ear – severe sensorineural hearing loss

Left ear – normal hearing

The primary aetiology is enlarged vestibular aqueduct syndrome.

There is no family history of hearing loss."

Below you can see the same data contained in fields.

First name	John
Date of assessment	21/01/2023
Right ear hearing degree	Severe
Right ear hearing loss type	Sensorineural
Left ear hearing degree	Normal
Left ear hearing loss type	
Primary aetiology	Enlarged vestibular aqueduct syndrome
Family history of hearing loss	☐ YES ☒ NO

If you have any questions, please contact the ANCHOR team at anchor@mcri.edu.au.

The role of your organisation (please select all that apply):

- ☐ Universal newborn hearing screening (UNHS)
- ☐ Post-UNHS hearing screening
- ☐ Diagnostic audiology
- ☐ Hearing rehabilitation
- ☐ Hearing implantation
- ☐ Early intervention specifically for Deaf and hard of hearing children
- ☐ Allied health (e.g. speech pathology, psychology, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, optometry, other)
- ☐ Medical services (e.g. paediatrics, ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat), genetics, ophthalmology (public or private))
- ☐ Education provider (preschool, primary or secondary)
- ☐ Parent support (health professional support, parent mentoring, peer to peer support, or other)
- ☐ Deaf advocacy and support services
- ☐ Maternal and child health
- ☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health or hearing service
- ☐ Research registry or longitudinal cohort
- ☐ Other (please specify)

If other, please specify

Population served (select all that apply)

Newborns/children only
Newborn/children and adults

Yes	No
☐	☐
☐	☐

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Parents or families of children with hearing loss (where the parent or family is the primary client)

Only adults (18 years over) with hearing loss

Other (please specify)

(If only adults were selected) You selected 'Adults with hearing loss only'. This survey aims to collect information from organisations/services relating to child hearing health only. Thank you for your time. Please select the box to exit the survey.

☐ Exit the survey

If other, please specify

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Please specify age range of children that your organisation provides services to.

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My organisation provides services for children with: (select all that apply)

- ☐ Sensorineural hearing loss
- ☐ Permanent conductive hearing loss
- ☐ Chronic conductive hearing loss
- ☐ Transient conductive hearing loss
- ☐ Auditory processing disorder
- ☐ All types of hearing loss

How many individual sites does your organisation see children at?

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Service/program setting (select all that apply)

Yes No

Clinic – hospital setting

Clinic – community setting (please specify)

Hub (please specify)

Remote/outreach

Maternal and Child Health Nurse Centre

Preschool/childcare

School

Home

Internet/App based

Phone

Research centre

Other (please specify)

If other, please specify

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Overview of the service/programs provided by your organisation to deaf and hard of hearing children and families.

If your organisation provides more than one service/program for deaf and hard of hearing children, or if the name of your service/program is different to the name of your organisation, please name each service/program here. You may add a web link here.

Funding

What funding do you provide paediatric services under? (please select all that apply)

- ☐ Health
- ☐ Education
- ☐ National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- ☐ Other social services
- ☐ Federal funding
- ☐ Private health insurance
- ☐ User pays
- ☐ Other

(If other) What other funding do you provide services under?

Are you a registered NDIS provider?

☐	Yes
☐	No

About your service

We are interested to know the referral pathways in and out of your services/programs. This helps us better understand the flow of information between organisations and where we can access additional data about deaf and hard of hearing children.

For service-based programs: Where do you receive referrals from? If you have more than one service/program, please answer for all services/programs in your organisation.

For research programs: What services/settings do you recruit from?

Please respond "Yes" or "No" for each option.

	Yes, accept referrals from	No, don't accept referrals from
Birthing hospitals	☐	☐
Hearing screening sites/programs	☐	☐
Diagnostic Audiologists	☐	☐
Rehabilitation Audiologists	☐	☐
Cochlear implant services	☐	☐
Parent support programs (including professional, peer to peer or parent mentor programs)	☐	☐
Teachers / Principals / Schools	☐	☐

Teachers of the Deaf		
Early childhood educators/programs		
Early intervention programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children		
Speech pathologists		
Occupational therapists		
Psychologists		
Physiotherapists		
Social workers		
Other early intervention/allied health		
Nurses/Midwives/Child Health Nurses/MCHNs		
Indigenous Health Workers		
General practitioners		
Paediatricians		
Geneticists		
Ear Nose and Throat Specialists		
Ophthalmologists/Optometrists		
Other medical specialists		
Parents/carers		
Researchers		
The community/no referral criteria		
Other (please specify)		
If other, please specify		

For service-based programs: Where do you send client information to? If you have more than one service/program, please answer for all services/programs in your organisation.

Please respond "Yes" or "No" for each option.

	Yes, accept referrals from	No, don't accept referrals from
Hearing screening sites/programs		
Diagnostic Audiologists		
Rehabilitation Audiologists		
Cochlear implant services		
Parent support programs (including professional, peer to peer or parent mentor programs)		
Teachers / Principals / Schools		
Teachers of the Deaf		
Early childhood educators/programs		
Early intervention programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children		
Speech pathologists		
Occupational therapists		
Psychologists		

Physiotherapists		
Social workers		
Other early intervention/allied health		
Nurses/Midwives/Child Health Nurses/MCHNs		
Indigenous Health Workers		
General practitioners		
Paediatricians		
Geneticists		
Ear Nose and Throat Specialists		
Ophthalmologists/Optometrists		
Other medical specialists		
Parents/carers		
Researchers		
The community/no referral criteria		
Other (please specify)		
If other, please specify		

About your service

We are interested in who collects and enters data within your organisation, so we may be able to estimate the cost of any potential changes to workflows.

Who COLLECTS data about deaf and hard of hearing children?

Please respond “Yes” or “No” for each option.

	Yes, accept referrals from	No, don't accept referrals from
Diagnostic Audiologists		
Rehabilitation Audiologists		
Cochlear implant services		
Parent support programs (including professional, peer to peer or parent mentor programs)		
Teachers / Principals / Schools		
Teachers of the Deaf		
Early childhood educators/programs		
Early intervention programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children		
Speech pathologists		
Occupational therapists		
Psychologists		
Physiotherapists		
Social workers		
Other early intervention/allied health		
Nurses/Midwives/Child Health Nurses/MCHNs		

Indigenous Health Workers		
General practitioners		
Paediatricians		
Geneticists		
Ear Nose and Throat Specialists		
Ophthalmologists/Optometrists		
Other medical specialists		
Parents/carers		
Researchers		
The community/no referral criteria		
Other (please specify)		
If other, please specify		

Who ENTERS data into databases about deaf and hard of hearing children?

Please respond "Yes" or "No" for each option.

	Yes, accept referrals from	No, don't accept referrals from
Diagnostic Audiologists		
Rehabilitation Audiologists		
Cochlear implant services		
Parent support programs (including professional, peer to peer or parent mentor programs)		
Teachers / Principals / Schools		
Teachers of the Deaf		
Early childhood educators/programs		
Early intervention programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children		
Speech pathologists		
Occupational therapists		
Psychologists		
Physiotherapists		
Social workers		
Other early intervention/allied health		
Nurses/Midwives/Child Health Nurses/MCHNs		
Indigenous Health Workers		
General practitioners		
Paediatricians		
Geneticists		
Ear Nose and Throat Specialists		
Ophthalmologists/Optometrists		
Other medical specialists		

Parents/carers

Researchers

The community/no referral criteria

Other (please specify)

If other, please specify

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Data reporting

We are interested in understanding the kind of reporting your organisation undertakes and whether data in these reports could be used for future data linkage activities.

Does your organisation produce any routine reports/summaries using data collected from clients? (For example, monthly/quarterly summary statistics, number of referrals received, number of referrals received, number of clients seen)

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, please provide information on the frequency and type of aggregate reporting (for example, reports containing summary of numbers of children seen in the service or number of children with particular diagnoses or characteristics)

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Please upload an example of an aggregate report if it can be shared

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Please provide information on the frequency and type of individual (child) level reporting (For example, a report containing individual screening or test results for all children seen that month, or number of appointments attended/missed for each client)

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Please upload an example of an individual de-identified report if it can be shared

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Are these reports provided to any external funding bodies or other organisations?

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Yes

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No

If yes, please provide details.

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Data Storage

How does your organisation routinely records* the following information, by selecting one of the of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routine recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Personally identifying information (e.g. name, DOB, Medicare number, contact details)			
Other demographic Information (e.g. sex, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, language spoken)			
Health service use information (e.g. appointment dates, failure to attend)			
Clinical information (e.g. audiology results, medical diagnoses, test results)			
Research information (e.g. information collected for research purposes)			

If any data is stored electronically, we would like to know more about your primary database. Before we ask about your primary database, does your organisation provide or enter data into any databases maintained by other teams or organisations?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide the name of any other database(s) that you provide data for, and who manages the database(s). We will contact them directly for information. For the rest of this survey, we are interested in your teams or organisation's database(s).

Name of your organisation's primary database	
Purpose of database	

Do you have a data dictionary for this database?

(A data dictionary is a collection of names, definitions, and attributes about data elements that are being used or captured in a database. It describes the meanings and purposes of data elements and provides guidance on interpretation, accepted meanings and representation.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, can you provide us with a copy of your data dictionary?

If yes (to the above), what format is it in, and is it readily accessible to data users?

Do you have a schema/list of data fields collected?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you have more than one database?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If yes)

Name of your organisation's secondary database	
Purpose of this database	

Do you have a data dictionary for this database?

(A data dictionary is a collection of names, definitions, and attributes about data elements that are being used or captured in a database. It describes the meanings and purposes of data elements and provides guidance on interpretation, accepted meanings and representation.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, can you provide us with a copy of your data dictionary?

If yes (to the above), what format is it in, and is it readily accessible to data users?

Do you have a schema/list of data fields collected?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is there a minimum dataset (data that is collected for every client) that is maintained?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If yes) Please describe what is included, or indicate in your data dictionary/schema.

What time period does the minimum dataset cover (for example, from 2016 onwards)?

Please email a copy of your data dictionary and schema to: anchor@mcri.edu.au.

If you are unable to share it with us via e-mail, please let us know and we will get in contact with you.

Please note that we may contact you for further information once we have reviewed your data dictionary.

ANCHOR Survey Part One B

We would like to explore whether future data linkage with your organisation is possible. We would like to understand the types of information you routinely record about deaf and hard of hearing children.

Including:

- Personally identifying information (this refers to name, date of birth, Medicare number, phone number, email address and home address)
- Other demographic Information (e.g. sex, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, language spoken)
- Health service use information (e.g. referrals, appointment attendance)
- Clinical information (e.g. audiology data, medical diagnoses, test results)
- Research information (e.g. information collected or used for research purposes)

This helps us understand what possible types of data could be minimally collected in the future for all hearing health services.

What personally identifying information (PII) is collected from clients of your service/program in your primary database N/A?

Please indicate if you routinely record* the following information, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Name (first and last name)			
Date of birth			
Medicare number			
Primary parent/caregiver phone number			
Primary parent/caregiver email address			
Postcode			

Demographic Information

Please indicate if you routinely record* the following information, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Sex/gender			
Country of birth			
State or territory of birth			

Commented [LS1]: I feel like this should go in the next section as this section is specifically around the storage of data rather than what is collected.

Commented [LS2R1]: yes, have moved it

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait
Islander status
Deceased
Date deceased

Demographic Information

Please indicate if you routinely record* the following information, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

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	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Date of arrival in Australia (if country of birth is not Australia)			
Refugee status			
Citizenship/visa status			
Out of home care			
Child protection involvement			
Medical alerts			

Demographic Information

Please indicate if you routinely record* the following information, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Primary language spoken at home			
Secondary/other language spoken to home			
Primary parent/caregiver language spoken			
Secondary parent/caregiver language spoken			
Child/client language spoken			
Communication mode			

Demographic Information

Please indicate if you routinely record* the following information, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Primary parent/caregiver first and last name			
Primary parent/caregiver address			
Primary parent/caregiver relationship to child			
Secondary parent/caregiver first and last name			
Secondary parent/caregiver address			
Secondary parent/caregiver relationship to child			
Household composition/participant/client/student living arrangements (single parent, partnered, number of children)			
Household income			
Parent/caregiver Health Care Card holder			
Primary parent/caregiver country of birth			
Second parent/caregiver country of birth			
Primary parent/caregiver education level			
Secondary parent/caregiver education level			
Primary parent/caregiver occupation or parent occupation group			
Secondary parent/caregiver occupation or parent occupation group			

Demographic Information

Please indicate if you routinely record* the following information, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

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	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Gestational age at birth			
Birth weight			
Single/twin/multiple birth			
Order of child in family			

Service provision Information

Please indicate if you routinely record* the following information, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Medicare status (eligible/not eligible)			
NDIS status			
Funding source (e.g. private/public/health insurance/specific funding program)			
Number of encounters/occasions of service			
Hours of service provided			

Does your organisation collect information on hearing loss risk factors?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If yes), please indicate if you routinely record* the following information about risk factors by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Risk factor: family history of hearing loss			
Risk factor: syndrome			
Risk factor: ventilation/prolonged ventilation			

Risk factor: NICU admission

Risk factor: low birthweight

Risk factor: bacterial meningitis

Risk factor: encephalitis

Risk factor: asphyxia

Risk factor: craniofacial abnormalities

Risk factor: hyperbilirubinaemia

Risk factor: TORCH infection/perinatal infection

Risk factor: significant head injury

Risk factor: neurodegenerative disorder

Risk factor: ototoxic medications

Risk factor: professional concern

Risk factor: other (please specify)

If other, please specify

You indicated that your organisation provides the following service(s):

We will now ask some questions about the specific service-related information that your organisation records.

Questions for newborn hearing screening programs

Are there any differences in the data you collect for “Target condition” versus “Non-target condition” newborns?

What screening device does your program use?

What aABR stimulus does your screening program use?

☐ Click

☐ Broadband chirp

What screening pass level (dBnHL) does your program use (i.e. the stimulus level used in the aABR screen)?

Please indicate if you routinely record* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)

- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Birth hospital/facility			
Screening hospital/location/facility			
Age at screen			
Corrected age			
Screen date(s)			
Right ear result			
Left ear result			

Do you collect downstream data, such as referrals or diagnostic audiology results?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If yes) Data collected from other services by screening services

Please indicate if you routinely record* the following information, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Date of diagnostic audiology referral			
Name of diagnostic audiology service			
Audiology status			
Date of initial diagnosis			
Date of early intervention (EI) referral			
Date of EI enrolment			
Name of EI agency			
Date of Hearing Australia referral			
Date of first Hearing Australia appointment			
Date of hearing device fitting			
Hearing Australia branch			
Date of CI referral			
Name of CI service			
CI initial appointment date			

Implant 1 date

Implant 2 date

Audiology Diagnostic Summary (for right ear and left ear)

Please indicate whether your organisation routinely records* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

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Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
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Permanent, temporary, unknown

Type of hearing loss (SNHL, ANSD,
permanent conductive, mixed)

Atresia/Microtia (yes/no)

Degree of hearing loss (e.g. mild,
moderate, severe, profound)

3 frequency average hearing loss

4 frequency average hearing loss

Please tell us how your organisation categorises degrees of hearing loss and the lower and upper limits for each category.

Please indicate the categories that your organisation uses (select all that apply).

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| ☐ | Normal |
| ☐ | Slight |
| ☐ | Mild |
| ☐ | Moderate |
| ☐ | Moderately severe |
| ☐ | Severe |
| ☐ | Severe to profound |
| ☐ | Profound |
| ☐ | Other |

Upper limit of the Normal range	
Lower limit of the Slight range	
Upper limit of the Slight range	
Lower limit of the Mild range	
Upper limit of the Mild range	
Lower limit of the Moderate range	
Upper limit of the Moderate range	
Lower limit of the Moderately Severe range	
Upper limit of the Moderately Severe range	

Lower limit of the Severe range	
Upper limit of the Severe range	
Lower limit of the Severe to Profound range	
Upper limit of the Severe to Profound range	
Lower limit of the Profound range	

Below we ask whether your organisation records detailed audiology information.
We understand that not all information will be recorded for every child because the tests that are conducted depend on both the clinical presentation of the child, and also the testing situation.
We would like to know what information you can record in your database/paper records.

Do you record frequency-specific electrophysiological test results?

☐ Yes
☐ No

(If yes)

Do you record ASSR thresholds?

☐ Yes
☐ No

(If yes) please indicate how you routinely record* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

Routinely recorded in an electronic field Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic) Not routinely recorded

Air conduction thresholds (dBnHL, unmasked)			
Air conduction thresholds (dBeHL, unmasked)			
Air conduction thresholds (dBnHL, masked)			
Air conduction thresholds (dBeHL, masked)			
Bone conduction thresholds (dBnHL, unmasked)			
Bone conduction thresholds (dBeHL, unmasked)			
Bone conduction thresholds (dBnHL, masked)			
Bone conduction thresholds (dBeHL, masked)			
Diagnostic equipment brand/model			
Stimulus (e.g. 90Hz)			
Transducer (e.g. headphone, insert)			

Other (please specify)

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(if other) what other ASSR information do you record?

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Please comment on whether you attempt to collect all four thresholds (0.5, 1, 2 & 4kHz) on ASSR testing if possible/ where indicated.

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(If yes)

Do you record frequency specific ABR thresholds?

☐	Yes
☐	No

(If yes) please indicate how you routinely record* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
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Air conduction thresholds (dBnHL, unmasked)			
Air conduction thresholds (dBeHL, unmasked)			
Air conduction thresholds (dBnHL, masked)			
Air conduction thresholds (dBeHL, masked)			
Bone conduction thresholds (dBnHL, unmasked)			
Bone conduction thresholds (dBeHL, unmasked)			
Bone conduction thresholds (dBnHL, masked)			
Bone conduction thresholds (dBeHL, masked)			
Diagnostic equipment brand/model			
Stimulus (e.g. toneburst, chirp)			
Transducer (e.g. headphone, insert)			
Other (please specify)			

(if other) what other frequency specific ABR information do you record?

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Please comment on whether you attempt to collect all four thresholds (0.5, 1, 2 & 4kHz) on frequency specific ABR testing if possible/ where indicated.

Do you record results of ABR testing using a broadband stimulus?

☐ Yes
☐ No

(if yes) Please indicate how you routinely record* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Air conduction threshold (dBnHL)			
Air conduction threshold (dBeHL)			
Bone conduction threshold (dBnHL)			
Bone conduction threshold (dBeHL)			
Bone conduction thresholds (dBnHL,nmasked)			
Supra-threshold test levels			
Wave latencies			
Masked/unmasked			
Diagnostic equipment brand/model			
Stimulus (e.g. click, chirp)			
Transducer (e.g. headphone, insert)			
Other (please specify)			

(if other), what other broadband ABR information do you record?

Do you record behavioural audiometry thresholds?

☐ Yes
☐ No

(if yes) Please indicate how you routinely record* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field

- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Air conduction threshold (left/right) unmasked			
Air conduction threshold (left/right) masked			
Air conduction threshold (freefield)			
Bone conduction threshold (left/right) unmasked			
Bone conduction thresholds (left/right) masked			
Bone conduction threshold (ear not specified)			
Continuous audiogram			
Behavioural observation (BOA) results			
Method (e.g. VROA, play)			
Diagnostic equipment brand/model (e.g. audiometer)			
Stimulus (e.g. pure tone, warble tone)			
Transducer (e.g. headphone, insert)			
Other (please specify)			

(if other), what other behavioural audiometry information do you record?

Please indicate what other audiology tests results you record:

- ☐ TEOAE
- ☐ DPOAE
- ☐ 226Hz tympanometry
- ☐ Other tympanometry (e.g. 1000Hz, multifrequency)
- ☐ Cochlear microphonics
- ☐ Speech audiometry
- ☐ Other
- ☐ None

(if yes to TEOAE) Please indicate how you routinely record* the following information about TEOAEs, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Response frequency range			
Signal to noise ratio			
Response reproducibility			
Overall result (present, absent, unobtainable)			
Diagnostic equipment brand/model			
Other (please specify)			

(if other) What other TEOAE information do you record?

(if yes to DPOAE) Please indicate how you routinely record* the following information about DPOAEs, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Present/absent/unobtainable			
Frequency range			
DP level			
Noise level			
Signal to noise ratio			
Diagnostic equipment brand/model			
Other (please specify)			

(if other) What other DPOAE information do you record?

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(if yes to 226Hz tympanometry) Please indicate how you routinely record* the following information about 226Hz tympanometry, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Type (e.g. A, B, C)			
Subtype (e.g. As, Ad, B(low), B(high), C1, C2)			
Middle ear pressure			
Static compliance			
Ear canal volume			
Tympanometer brand/model			
Other (please specify)			

(if other) What other 226Hz tympanometry information do you record?

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(if yes to other tympanometry - 1000Hz, multifrequency) Please indicate how you routinely record* the following information about other tympanometry (e.g. 1000Hz, multifrequency) by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Probe tone frequency			
Peak/no peak			
Indeterminate/unobtainable			
Tympanometer brand/model			
Other (please specify)			

(if other) What other information do you record for 'other' tympanometry?

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Please select what probe tone frequencies you use (select all that apply)

☐	1000Hz
☐	678Hz
☐	Multifrequency

(if yes to cochlear microphonics) Please indicate how you routinely record* the following information about other tympanometry (e.g. 1000Hz, multifrequency) by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
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Stimulus (e.g. click)			
Stimulus level			
Present/absent/unobtainable			
Diagnostic equipment brand/model			
Other (please specify)			

(if other) What other cochlear microphonic information do you record?

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(if yes to speech audiometry) Please indicate how you routinely record* the following information about speech audiometry, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
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Type of speech test (e.g. AB word list)			
Live voice/recorded speech			
Speech presentation level			
Presented in quiet or in noise			
Noise level/signal to noise ratio			

Score

Other (please specify)

(if other) What other speech audiometry information do you record?

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(if yes to other) Please provide details of any other diagnostic audiology tests that you collect information on.

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Do you have any comments about these other tests?

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Questions for postnatal hearing screening organisations/services

What hearing conditions does your service screen for? (please select all that apply)

- ☐ Permanent hearing loss
- ☐ Temporary conductive hearing loss
- ☐ Middle ear dysfunction

Please indicate whether your organisation routinely records* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

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Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
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Referral date

Referral reason

Screening location/facility

Age at screen

Screen date(s)

Right ear overall result
(pass/refer)

Left ear result overall result
(pass/refer)

Onward referral (e.g. to audiology, GP)

Please indicate if you use any of the following questionnaires, checklists or applications to screen hearing, speech, language, cognition, or other aspects of development.

☐ PEACH

☐	TEACH
☐	HATS
☐	PLUM
☐	FLI-P
☐	LittIEARS
☐	LIFE
☐	Other
☐	None

(If other), which other questionnaires, checklists or application does your service use?

Below we ask whether your organisation records detailed screening outcomes.

We understand that not all information will be recorded for every child because the screens that are conducted depend on both the presentation of the child, and also the testing situation.

We would like to know what information you can record in your database/paper records when following your organisation's protocols.

Do you record pure tone screen results?

☐	Yes
☐	No

If yes, please indicate how you routinely record* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

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	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Right/left results (pass/refer/unable to screen)			
Individual frequency result (pass/refer/unable to screen)			
Individual frequency threshold (dBHL)			
Equipment (e.g. audiometer brand, model)			
Stimulus (e.g. warble tone, pure tone)			
Transducer (e.g. headphone, insert)			
Other pure tone screen details			

Please specify frequencies routinely screened and the pass level for each frequency.

Do you record results from other behavioural hearing screening methods (e.g. app-based screens)?

☐	Yes
☐	No

If yes, please indicate how you routinely record* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
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Overall result (pass/refer/unable to screen)

Right/left result

(pass/refer/unable to screen)

Other screen details

(if other) please indicate what other behavioural screen details your organisation records, and how:

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Do you record otoacoustic emission (OAE) screen results?

☐	Yes
☐	No

If yes, please indicate how you routinely record* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

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Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
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Transient evoked otoacoustic emission (TEOAE) screen result (pass/refer/unable to screen)

Distortion product otoacoustic emission (DPOAE) screen result (pass/refer/unable to screen)

Equipment (e.g. OAE screener brand/model)

Other

(If other) please indicate what other OAE screen information your organisation records, and how:

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Do you record tympanometry screen results?

☐	Yes
☐	No

If yes, please indicate how you routinely record* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

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	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Right/left ear overall result (pass/refer/unable to screen)			
Type (e.g. A, B, C)			
Subtype (e.g. As, Ad, B(low), B(high), C1, C2)			
Equipment (e.g. tympanometer brand/model)			
Other			

(If other) please indicate what other tympanometry screen information your organisation records, and how:

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Does your organisation collect downstream data, such as onward referrals or diagnostic audiology results?

☐	Yes
☐	No

If yes, please indicate how you routinely record* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

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	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Date of diagnostic audiology referral			
Name of diagnostic audiology service			

Audiology status			
Date of initial diagnosis			
Date of final diagnosis			
Date of referral to early intervention service			
Name of early intervention agency			
Date of early intervention enrolment			
Date of Hearing Australia referral			
Date of first Hearing Australia appointment			
Date of hearing device fitting			
Hearing Australia branch			
Date of hearing implant service referral			
Name of hearing implant service			
Hearing implant initial appointment date			
Implant 1 date			
Implant 2 date			

Audiology Diagnostic Summary (for right ear and left ear)

Please indicate if you routinely record* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

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Type of hearing loss (SNHL, ANSD, permanent conductive, mixed, transient conductive)			
Degree of hearing loss (e.g. mild, moderate, severe, profound)			
Permanent, temporary, unknown			

3 or 4 Frequency Average Hearing Loss

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Questions for hearing diagnostic services

Please indicate whether your organisation routinely records* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

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Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
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Client status (active/lost etc.)

Referral date

Referral reason

Site/centre attended

Age/date at first appointment

Age/date of hearing loss confirmation/diagnosis

Assessment discharge rate

Failure to attend appointment

Aetiology (primary)

Aetiology (secondary)

Progressive or fluctuating loss

Co-morbidities

Please indicate if you use any of the following questionnaires, checklists or applications to screen hearing, speech, language, cognition, or other aspects of development.

- ☐ PEACH
- ☐ TEACH
- ☐ HATS
- ☐ PLUM
- ☐ FLI-P
- ☐ LittleEARS
- ☐ LIFE
- ☐ Other
- ☐ None

(If other) Which other questionnaires, checklists or applications does your service use?

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Questions for hearing rehabilitation services

Please indicate how you routinely record* the following information, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

Information about the child

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Client status (active/lost etc)			
Referral date			
Referral reason			
Site/centre attended			
Age/date at first appointment			
Age/date of hearing loss confirmation/diagnosis			
Failure to attend appointment			
Aetiology (primary)			
Aetiology (secondary)			
Progressive or fluctuating loss			
Comorbidities			
Communication approach (e.g. Auslan, spoken language)			
Parent participation or engagement			
COSI/goal setting			

Amplification information

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Age/date of initial fitting (right ear/left ear)			
Current amplification device(s) (e.g. type, model)			

Previous amplification device(s)			
Hearing device serial number(s)			
Programmed hearing aid parameters			
Hearing device compliance/use/datalogging			
Real ear measurements			
Coupler gain			
Aided audiogram			

Hearing implant information (e.g. cochlear implant, bone anchored hearing aid)

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Pre-implantation audiology results			
Date hearing implant evaluation			
Hearing implant candidacy (eligible/ineligible)			
Hearing implant recommendation (e.g. type of implant/unilateral/bilateral)			
Family decision (e.g. proceed/don't proceed)			
Reason for not proceeding with implant			
Hearing implant surgery date(s)			
Hearing implant switch on date(s)			
Implanted device (e.g. electrode array, abutment)			
Hearing implant processor			
Hearing implant use/compliance			
Mode (e.g. unilateral/bilateral/bimodal)			
Aided audiogram (with implant)			

Other hearing device information

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Remote microphone system fitted			
Remote microphone system use			
Other assistive listening device(s) fitted			
Other accessory or assistive listening device usage/details (e.g. app)			

Below we ask whether this hearing rehabilitation service records detailed audiology information.

We understand that not all information will be recorded for every child because the tests that are conducted depend on both the clinical presentation of the child, and also the testing situation.

We would like to know what information you can record in your database/paper records.

Do you record HearLab information?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please indicate how you routinely record* the following information about HearLab, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Levels (55/65/75)			
Detected/not detected			
Aided/unaided			
Other			

(if other) What other HearLab information do you record?

Questions for hearing implant services

Please indicate how you routinely records* the following information, by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

Information about the child

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Client status (active/lost etc)			
Referral date			
Referral reason			
Site/centre attended			
Age/date of first appointment			
Age/date of hearing loss confirmation/diagnosis			
Failure to attend appointment			
Aetiology (primary)			
Aetiology (secondary)			
Progressive or fluctuating loss			
Comorbidities			
Communication approach (e.g. Auslan, spoken language)			
Parent participation or engagement			
COSI/goal setting			

Amplification information

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Age/date of initial fitting (right ear/left ear)			
Current amplification device(s) (e.g. type, model)			
Previous amplification device(s)			
Hearing device serial number(s)			

Programmed hearing aid parameters

Hearing device compliance/use/datalogging

Real ear measurements

Coupler gain

Aided audiogram

Hearing implant information (e.g. cochlear implant, bone anchored hearing aid)

Routinely recorded in an electronic field Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic) Not routinely recorded

Pre-implantation audiology results

Date hearing implant evaluation

Hearing implant candidacy (eligible/ineligible)

Hearing implant recommendation (e.g. type of implant/unilateral/bilateral)

Family decision (e.g. proceed/don't proceed)

Reason for not proceeding with implant

Hearing implant surgery date(s)

Hearing implant switch on date(s)

Implanted device (e.g. electrode array, abutment)

Hearing implant processor

Hearing implant use/compliance

Mode (e.g. unilateral/bilateral/bimodal)

Aided audiogram (with implant)

Other hearing device information

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Remote microphone system fitted			
Remote microphone system use			
Other accessory or assistive listening device usage/details (e.g. app)			

At what time points does your service record the following information on children who are deaf or hard of hearing?

	Does not record at any time	1 year post implant	2 years post implant	School entry	Other time points
Speech perception/recognition					
Speech production/intelligibility					
Receptive language					
Expressive language					
Vocabulary					
Literacy					
Pragmatic communication					
Functional listening					
Listening effort					
Auditory integration					
Parent child interaction					
Cognition (IQ)/ problem solving					
Quality of life/Hearing related quality of life					
Other					

(If other) What other pre- or post-implantation evaluations do you perform/record, and when?

Does your organisation record the details of any pre-implantation diagnostic audiology tests?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Questions for early childhood intervention and allied health services

What services do you provide? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Audiology
- ☐ Speech pathology
- ☐ Psychology
- ☐ Counselling
- ☐ Social work
- ☐ Physiotherapy

- ☐ Occupational therapy
- ☐ Play therapy
- ☐ Optometry
- ☐ Playgroup
- ☐ Parent support services
- ☐ Kindergarten/preschool program
- ☐ Childcare/kindergarten visits
- ☐ Home visits
- ☐ Auslan specific services
- ☐ Tele-intervention
- ☐ Other

(If other) What other service(s) do you provide?

Please indicate whether your organisation routinely records* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

*'routinely record' means that your organisation usually records this information for every child, if it is available.

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Location of service/facility (if multiple)			
Date of referral			
EI start date/first appointment			
EI discharge date			
Last date of engagement			
Patient type/caseload			
Which services/programs utilised			
Primary service provider			
Communication mode			
Current therapy plan			
Therapy plan outcome			
Therapy delivery method			
Therapy frequency			

Attendance/FTA			
Primary aetiology			
Secondary aetiology			
Additional diagnoses			
Name of school attending			
Other			

(If other) Please indicate what other information you record, and how:

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Outcomes matrix – Communication

At what ages does your service record the following information on children who are deaf or hard of hearing? (Please click the boxes that apply)

	Does not record at any age	0-12 months	1-3 years	4-5 years	6 years or older
Speech perception/recognition (unaided)					
Speech perception/recognition (aided)					
Speech intelligibility					
Receptive language					
Expressive language					
Vocabulary					
Literacy					
Pragmatic communication					
Functional listening					
Listening effort					
Auslan proficiency/fluency					
Parent Child Interaction					

Outcomes matrix – Development

At what ages does your service record the following information on children who are deaf or hard of hearing? (Please click the boxes that apply)

	Does not record at any age	0-12 months	1-3 years	4-5 years	6 years or older
Early Development Profile/ Screen					
Behaviour					
Cognition (IQ)/problem solving					
Executive function					
Memory					
Health Related Quality of Life					
Developmental/adaptive behaviour					
Social/emotional development					

Balance/vestibular function

Mobility

Other (please specify)

(If other) What other information does your service collect?

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Please indicate if you maintain details of any of the following in a summary or report of current speech, language and communication status.

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| ☐ | Communication mode |
| ☐ | Communication outcome |
| ☐ | Device compliance |
| ☐ | Receptive language diagnosis category |
| ☐ | Receptive language severity rating |
| ☐ | Expressive language diagnosis category |
| ☐ | Expressive language severity rating |
| ☐ | Speech diagnosis category |
| ☐ | Speech severity rating |
| ☐ | Functional listening outcome |
| ☐ | Other |

(If other) Please indicate what other information is included in the summary or report of current speech, language, and communication status.

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Please indicate how your organisation records summary data for current speech, language and communication status.

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| ☐ | Routinely recorded in electronic fields |
| ☐ | Routinely recorded in notes only |
| ☐ | Not routinely recorded |

Questions for medical services

Type of service: (select all that apply)

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| ☐ | ENT |
| ☐ | Paediatrics |
| ☐ | Genetics |
| ☐ | Other |

(If other) Please specify

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This service is: (select all that apply)

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| ☐ | Public |
| ☐ | Private |

Medical record type:

- | | |
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| ☐ | Electronic |
| ☐ | Both electronic & paper |
| ☐ | Paper only |

Data collected about the child

Please indicate whether your organisation routinely records* the following information by selecting one of the following:

- Routinely recorded in an electronic field
- Routinely recorded in notes only (either electronically or on paper)
- Not routinely recorded

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Birth history

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Delivery method			
APGARs			
Resuscitation required			
Admission to NICU/SCN			
Length of admission to NICU/SCN			
Need for oxygen/ventilation			
Birth length			
Birth head circumference			
Other birth history details			

(If other) What other birth history details do you routinely record, and how?

Pregnancy history

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Use of fertility drugs/IVF			
History of recurrent miscarriages			
Fever during pregnancy			
Medications during pregnancy			
Antenatal investigations			
Other pregnancy history details			

(If other) What other pregnancy history details do you routinely record, and how?

Medical investigations for hearing loss

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
MRI brain			
Connexin			
Microarray			
Exome sequencing			
CMV (saliva/urine) at birth			
CMV on newborn bloodspot			
Renal ultrasound			
Thyroid function			
ECG			
Other medical investigation details			

(If other) What other medical investigation details do you routinely record, and how?

Medical risk factors for hearing loss

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Head injury			
Infections requiring IV antibiotics			
Seizures			
Jaundice requiring exchange transfusion			
Other medical risk factors for hearing loss			

(If other) What other details do you routinely record about other medical risk factors for hearing loss, and how?

Family history

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Childhood hearing loss			
Hearing loss as a young/middle- aged adult			

Syndrome associated with hearing loss

Language delay/disorder

Speech/articulation difficulties

Intellectual disability

Sudden death

Kidney problems

Cleft palate

Other family history details

(If other) What other family history details do you routinely record, and how?

Service use

Routinely recorded in an electronic field

Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)

Not routinely recorded

Frequency of attendances/non-attendances

Referrals

Other details about use of your service

(If other) What other details about use of your service do you routinely record, and how?

Other health service use

Routinely recorded in an electronic field

Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)

Not routinely recorded

ENT

Paediatrician

Ophthalmology

Early intervention

Hearing implant service

Other service(s)

(If other) What details about use of other services do you routinely record, and how?

Diagnoses and assessments

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Medical diagnosis for hearing loss (primary)			
Date of diagnosis			
Medical diagnosis for hearing loss (secondary)			
Medical diagnoses (other)			
Developmental diagnoses			
Developmental screening			
Developmental assessments			
Language assessments			
Cognitive assessments			
Autism assessments			
Other screening or assessments			

(If other) What other screens or assessments do you use?

Audiology Diagnostic Summary (for right ear and left ear)

Please indicate if you routinely record* the following information, by selecting one of the following:

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Permanent, temporary, unknown			
Type of hearing loss (SNHL, ANSD, permanent conductive, mixed)			
Atresia/Microtia (yes/no)			
Degree of hearing loss (e.g. mild, moderate, severe, profound)			
3 or 4 Frequency Average Hearing Loss			

Hearing rehabilitation summary

	Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
Audiology centre attended			
Left ear date of fitting			
Right ear date of fitting			
Hearing device compliance/use			
Progressive or fluctuating hearing loss			
Remote microphone device fitted			
Remote microphone device use			
Date of hearing implant evaluation			
Outcome of hearing implant evaluation			
Hearing implantation date(s)			

Questions for Education Providers (Schools, Preschools, Education Departments, Regional education offices, Teachers of the Deaf)

Are you completing this survey on behalf of:

- ☐ A state or regional level education department, service or organisation
- ☐ An individual school/preschool service
- ☐ Other

(If other) Please specify

What ages/year levels do you offer services to? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Preschool
- ☐ Primary
- ☐ Secondary

What is the setting of your program? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Visits into a mainstream setting
- ☐ Special program for deaf or hard of hearing children within a mainstream setting
- ☐ Setting for deaf and hard of hearing children only
- ☐ Setting for children with various additional needs (e.g. special school)
- ☐ Tele-intervention
- ☐ Other

(If other) Please specify

What programs do you offer?

Data collected about the child

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Location of service/facility (if multiple)			
Settings/programs utilised			
Support Plan (e.g. Individual Education Plan or Behaviour Support Plan)			
Attendance/absence data			
Hearing, speech, vision, mobility, or other diagnoses (e.g. obtained from school enrolment questionnaire/CASES21)			
Speech rating			
Expressive language rating			
Receptive language rating			
Pragmatic language rating			
Functional listening rating			
Listening fatigue			
Quality of life			
Behaviour problems			
Literacy			
Numeracy			
Cognition (IQ)			
Developmental/adaptive behaviour			
Social/emotional development			
Mental health			
NAPLAN participation			

Year 12 completion

Student exit date

Student exit reason

Post-school destination

Do you record additional diagnoses (including intellectual disability, learning difficulty, vision impairment, Language Disorder, Specific Learning Disorder (SLD- Reading, SLD- Written Expression, SLD- Mathematics), Social Emotional Disorder (Autism Spectrum Disorder, Depression, Anxiety, Eating Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive), Attention Disorder (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder), Behavioural Disorder/Conduct Disorder, Drug or Alcohol Problems)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If yes) How and where do you record these diagnoses?

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If a school, does your school contribute data to the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)? <https://www.nccd.edu.au/>

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not applicable

(If yes) What database does your school enter the NCCD data into?

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(If yes) To your knowledge, has this data been used or linked to other data sets for research or reporting?

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Questions for Maternal and Child Health Services

Do you do hearing checks?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If yes) At what age(s) do you check hearing?

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(If yes) What hearing screen do you use?

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Do you do vision checks?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If yes) At what age(s) do you check vision?

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(If yes) What vision screen do you use?

Do you do developmental screens?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If yes) At what age(s) do you do developmental screens?

(If yes) What developmental screen(s) do you use?

Questions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health or hearing services

Do you provide any hearing health services specifically for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families that you have not already told us about in the previous sections above?

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Routinely recorded in
an electronic field

Routinely recorded in
notes only (paper or
electronic)

Not routinely
recorded

Referral date			
Referral reason			
Facility name or location (if multiple)			
Last date of engagement			
Attendance/FTA			
Discharge from service date			
Patient type/caseload			
Primary service provider			
Which services/programs utilised			

Do you do child hearing checks?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If yes) At what age(s) do you check hearing?

(If yes) What hearing screen do you use?

Do you do child communication screens?

☐ Yes☐ No

(If yes) At what age(s) do you do communication screens?

(If yes) What communication screen(s) do you use?

Do you do child vision checks?

☐ Yes☐ No

(If yes) At what age(s) do you check vision?

(If yes) What vision screen do you use?

Do you do developmental screens?

☐ Yes☐ No

(If yes) At what age(s) do you do developmental screens?

(If yes) What developmental screen(s) do you use?

Questions for peer-to-peer support services and health professional parent support (post newborn hearing screening)

What parent or family support services or programs does your organisation offer?

☐

Programs/services for parents

☐

Programs/services for children

☐

Programs/services for families

☐

Online forums

☐

Other

Are your programs offered by (select all that apply):

☐

Qualified health professionals

☐

Paid parent mentors

☐

Volunteer parent mentors

☐

Facilitating staff members

(If other) You selected Other. Please specify.

☐	Other

Data collected about the child

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Interpreter needed			
Referral reason			
Referral date			
Psychosocial risk factors			
Case status			
Date of first contact (SMS, letter or phone call)			
Date of parent first engagement with support service			
Home visit			
Attend diagnostic audiology appointment with parent			
Attend Hearing Australia visit with parent			
Attend medical visit with parent			
Send resources			
Total time spent (supporting family)			
Final contact date			
Level of engagement (never, rarely, sometimes, often, always)			
Last date of engagement			
Reason for exiting program			

Audiology/hearing status

Name of EI agency

Other

(If other) Please indicate what other information you record, and how:

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Questions for Deaf advocacy and support services

What services does your organisation offer for children? (select all that apply where the service is available to children aged 18 years or under)

- ☐ NDIS applications
- ☐ NDIS plan management
- ☐ NDIS support co-ordination
- ☐ NDIS appeals
- ☐ NDIS support work (please specify)
- ☐ Individual advocacy
- ☐ Interpreter services
- ☐ Auslan classes/courses
- ☐ Allied health assessment or therapy (please specify)
- ☐ Programs/services for Deaf or hard of hearing children (please specify)
- ☐ Programs/services for parents and families of Deaf or hard of hearing children (please specify)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

(If any of the 'please specify' options have been ticked) Please provide more information about the services your organisation provides.

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Data collected about the child

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- Not routinely recorded

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Routinely recorded in an electronic field	Routinely recorded in notes only (paper or electronic)	Not routinely recorded
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Date of first engagement

Case status

Communication approach (e.g. Auslan, spoken language)

Interpreter needed

Services received/program enrolments

Dates services received

Level of engagement (never, rarely, sometimes, often, always)

Audiology/hearing status

Name of EI agency

Other (please specify)

(If other) Please indicate what other information you record, and how:

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Questions for research registries or longitudinal cohorts

Please describe your research registry or longitudinal cohort.

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What other information does your organisation/service record that might be relevant to a national childhood hearing databank?

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ANCHOR Survey Part One C

Data Governance

Does your organisation obtain specific written consent from a parent/guardian when they use/enrol in your service/program?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please upload a copy of your consent/terms of service form, or email it to anchor@mcrci.edu.au.

How does your organisation/service manage changes to consent, withdrawal of consent or constraints around who can provide consent?

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Does your organisation include a privacy or data use statement in your terms of service or research (for example, a statement on your website)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please copy the statement into the box or include a website link

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Does your organisation participate in research activities? (Please select one option)

☐ We are a research organisation or university

☐ We deliver services and have an internal research arm

- ☐ We deliver services and have an affiliation with a research institute or university (please specify)
- ☐ We deliver services and participate in research activities when approached by external organisations
- ☐ We do not participate in research activities
- ☐ Other

If yes to affiliation, please specify

How does your organisation manage data and research requests? (Please select all that apply)

- ☐ We have an internal ethics committee
- ☐ We have an internal research committee or approval process
- ☐ Data/research requests are managed by an external organisation (please specify)
- ☐ We do not have a process for data/research requests

If yes to managed by an external organisation, please specify

Please describe any other data governance issues we need to be aware of (e.g. specific considerations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander data sovereignty)

Is there a specific piece of legislation that governs your organisation for handling and use of data?

If yes, please provide the name of the piece of legislation.

If no, please indicate which other pieces of legislation your organisation follows for the collection and use for personal and outcome data e.g., *Health Records Act 2001 (Vic)*, *Privacy and Data Protection 2014 (Vic)*, *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)*

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

If yes, please provide the name of the piece of legislation

If no, please indicate which other pieces of legislation your organisation follows

Where is your database located?

- ☐ On premises ☐ Cloud ☐ Don't know

If cloud, where is it hosted?

- ☐ Australia ☐ Overseas ☐ Don't know

If overseas, which country is it hosted in?

Who maintains control over security and privacy? (Select one)

- ☐ Database administrator
- ☐ Company IT department
- ☐ Specialist data security office
- ☐ Other – please specify

If other, please specify

Data Linkage

How would you rate the quality of your data in terms of completeness, presences of known errors, degree of curation?

- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Acceptable
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Don't know

Has your organisation participated in any previous data linkage project e.g. for a clinical trial or other population health research?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

If yes, please provide a description of data linkage projects your organisation has been involved in.

What appetite is there within your organisation to understand and undertake data linkage activities?

Thank you for completing Part One.

ANCHOR Survey: Part Two

Part Two

About costs, including the estimated cost of staffing, data collection, data entry and database management and the potential cost of data systems change.

This part comprises of a spreadsheet that we will send via email. Part two can be completed at a later date by a staff member who has information about staff salaries and other costs.

Please nominate the name and contact details of someone within your organisation who we can contact about Part Two. This can be you, or someone else.

Name

Role

Email address

Phone number

Please let them know that we will be in touch soon. You may download the invitation letter for Part Two to send the nominated person if you wish.

Attachment: [Part two intro email Costing analysis for ANCHOR.docx](#)

Part Three

For services in Victoria and Queensland only

About the database/s and data governance. This section asks technical questions about your organisation's databases. This section may be completed most easily by a data/database manager or IT officer, however if your organisation does not have a specific data person, please fill out the questions as best you can.

This section has 18 questions and will take about 15 minutes to complete.

Would you like to continue to Part Three or nominate another staff member from your organisation to complete Part Three?

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☐

I would like to continue to Part Three

I would like to nominate another staff member to complete Part Three

(If selected would like to nominate another staff member) Please nominate the name and email address of someone within your organisation who we can contact about Part Three:

Name

Role

Email address

Phone number

Please press Submit to finish, your colleague will be contact about Part Three. Please let them know to expect contact from the ANCHOR team. Thank you!

(If selected continue to Part Three) Please press Submit to continue to Part Three.

ANCHOR Survey: Part Three

Part Three

About the database/s and data governance. This section asks technical questions about your organisation's databases. This section may be completed by a data/database manager or IT officer, however if your organisation does not have a specific data person, please fill out the questions as best you can. We hope to use information from Part Three to plan data linkage between Victorian and Queensland data sets.

All your responses will be kept confidential and no organisation will be identified in any publication of results. You and your organisation will have the opportunity to view the report of results prior to publication.

If you have any questions or prefer to complete the questionnaire in an online meeting format with researchers, please contact us by email anchor@mcri.edu.au.

This section will take about 15 minutes to complete.

(If completed by a different staff member, they will be asked to complete the consent page also. If continued by same staff member, the consent question will be skipped)

By ticking this box and continuing with the survey, I consent to:

1. Participation in the Australian National Child Hearing health Outcomes Registry (ANCHOR) Aim 1 Survey.
2. Use of the information I provide:
 - a. To help determine the feasibility of a National Child Hearing health Outcomes Registry
 - b. To help determine a core set of outcomes to be measured for Australian deaf and hard of hearing children
 - c. To plan data linkage between databases (Victorian and Queensland), OR to inform the development of a model for a future national registry (other states).
3. To be contacted by the ANCHOR team if they need to clarify any answers or need more information

☐ Yes

Database overview

In Part 1 of this survey you/colleague provided information about the following database/s:

[platform name]

What platform does [platform name] run on?

- ☐ MySQL
- ☐ PostgreSQL
- ☐ SQL Server
- ☐ Oracle
- ☐ Access
- ☐ Excel
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Don't know

(If other) please specify the platform

Do you have a data dictionary for this database?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

(If yes) Can you provide us with a copy of your data dictionary?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, what format is it in, and is it readily accessible to data users?

(If no/don't know) Do you have a list/schema of data variables collected?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

How regularly is your database software updated?

- ☐ Every six months
- ☐ Every 12 months
- ☐ Every 2 years
- ☐ 2-5 years
- ☐ Over five years
- ☐ Don't know

Are there plans to migrate the database to a new platform in the future?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Within six months
- ☐ 6-12 months
- ☐ 12-24 months
- ☐ Over three years
- ☐ Don't know

(If answered any of the options except no) As part of a database migration, would all data be brought across or only a subset e.g. data within the last five years

- ☐ All data
- ☐ Subset of data
- ☐ None – start new database from scratch
- ☐ Don't know

(If answered subset of data) How many years of data will be included?

Data quality

Do you undertake any formal data quality assessments? If so, what does this entail and how often are they completed?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If so, what does this entail and how often are they completed?

What processes are in place for addressing identified data quality issues e.g., missing or incorrect names and demographic information, invalid or erroneous data?

What tools are used for cleaning data?

- ☐ Data cleaning not routinely performed
- ☐ Python

- ☐ Strata
- ☐ R
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Don't know

(If other) Please indicate what other tools are used for cleaning data.

Who is responsible for cleaning data? (Please select all that apply)

- ☐ Data scientist
- ☐ Statistician
- ☐ Database administrator
- ☐ Other

(If other) Please indicate what other tools are used for cleaning data.

Data Variables

What volume of data on children with hearing loss is held in your database (e.g., total number of records held on children 0-18 years, number of new records per year)?

What metadata is maintained for the database? Metadata is information about other data without including the actual value for the data item of interest e.g., date and time a value was recorded, unit of measurement for the data item, whether the data item is formatted as a number or text.

Is there a metadata catalogue available?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Is the database built using a common data model (CDM) such as Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP)? If no, what is the data model based on?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

If yes, please describe the model.

If no, what is the data model based on?

Is a standard ontology (data naming convention and relationships) used? e.g., SNOMED, or has the database been developed from historical paper forms?

- ☐ Standard ontology
- ☐ Developed from paper forms
- ☐ Don't know

Has a privacy impact assessment (PIA) been carried out for your database?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If yes, when?

Does your organisation have a database manager or other technical support staff? Are these services contracted out, or employed by your organisation? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Dedicated database manager – directly employed
☐ Shared by general technical support staff – directly employed
☐ Contracted database support service
☐ Contracted IT provider
☐ Other

(If other) Please specify

Does your organisation have a preferred model for providing data to a researcher or for data linkage?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If yes, what does this involve?