

Clinical findings	Green – low risk	Amber – intermediate risk	Red – high risk
Colour Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal colour of skin, lips and tongue • Responds normally to social cues • Content/smiles • Stays awake or wakens quickly • Strong normal cry/not crying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pallor • Reduced response to social cues • Wakes only after prolonged stimulation • Infant (under 1 year) not feeding • Very distressed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue or grey colour • Unable to rouse or if roused does not stay awake • Clinical concerns about nature of cry (Weak, high pitched or continuous)
Respiratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None of amber or red symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR 50-60 breaths/min if aged <12 months • RR 40-50 breaths/min if age 1-5 years • RR 25-30 breaths/min if age 6 -11 years • RR 20-25 breaths/min if age ≥12 years • Mild/moderate respiratory distress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grunting or severe respiratory distress • RR >60 breaths/min if aged <12 months • RR >50 breaths/min if age 1-5 years • RR >30 breaths/min if age 6 -11 years • RR >25 breaths/min if age ≥12 years
Circulation / hydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None of amber or red symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold hands and feet in absence of fever • Reduced urine output • Not tolerating fluids 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None of amber or red symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pus discharging from ear • Pain waking child from sleep • Child under 2 years with bilat earache • Swelling or redness behind the ear • Dizziness or losing their balance • Age 3-6 months with temp ≥39° (102.2°F) with no clear focus of infection • Fever for ≥ 5 days • Additional parental/carer support required • Lower threshold for face to face review if significant chronic co-morbidities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 0-3 months with temp ≥38° (100.4°F) • Meningism (severe headache, neck stiffness, photophobia, irritability) • Seizure



Green Action

[Provide earache safety netting advice sheet](#)

Confirm they are comfortable with the decisions/
advice given

Always consider safeguarding issues



Amber Action

Consider video consultation
and/or

refer to primary care service for review



Red Action

Refer immediately to emergency care –
consider whether 999 transfer or parent/taxi
most appropriate based on clinical acuity etc.