## THE CLEFT COLLECTIVE BIRTH COHORT STUDY and SPEECH AND LANGUAGE STUDY (shown in bold)

The cleft teams identify and approach families who have received an antenatal or postnatal diagnosis of cleft. Expected intake of participants (UK wide) = up to 1750 families over 3.5 years	Parents receive Starter Pack which includes further information about the research.  Parents sign the Consent Forms and return them to their cleft team	Parents complete questionnai res and return them to the researchers by post	Around the time of the lip/palate repair surgery the researchers will collect: Saliva from parents Saliva from up to 200 siblings Blood and tissue from the baby (during surgery)	Age 10 to 12 months:  Parents are invited to participate in the Cleft Collective Speech and Language Study.	Age 13 months:  Parents are sent LENA digital recorders, hearing record, questionnaire plus contact details for a parent champion.  LENA materials returned and samples analysed.	Age 24 months:  Speech and language therapists complete form during assessment and return to Cleft Collective research team (only in areas where 24month assessment takes place).	Age 36 months:  Speech and language therapists complete form during assessment and return to Cleft Collective research team. At the same time, an electronic questionnaire will be sent to your speech and language therapy team to find out about what intervention your child has received.
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