

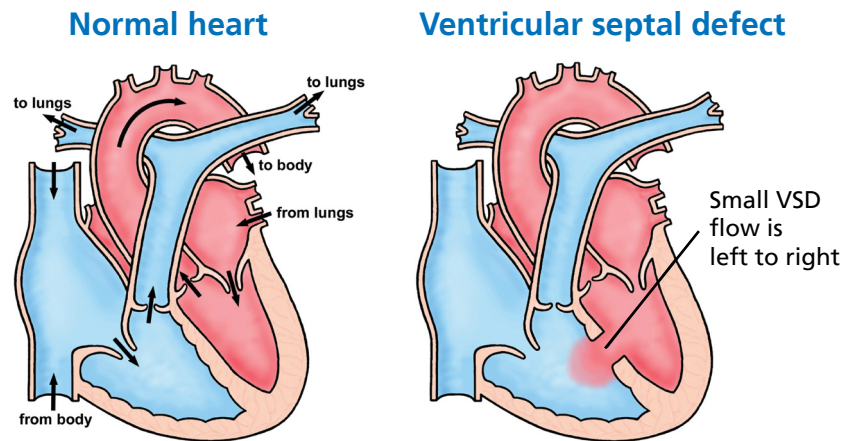


# Ventricular Septal Defect

## Information for Parents/Carers

..... has a diagnosis of a  
**ventricular septal defect (VSD).**

This is a hole between the two pumping chambers of the heart. During the first few months of life all babies go through changes in the way their blood flows. Because your baby has a VSD these changes can cause more blood flow to the lungs which can cause symptoms requiring treatment.



For further information go to [www.leedscongenitalhearts.com](http://www.leedscongenitalhearts.com)  
Click on 'Child', then 'Conditions' then 'ventricular septal defect'

If you notice that your child develops any of the following symptoms please contact the children's cardiac nurse specialists:

- Breathlessness
- Difficulty feeding or taking longer than normal to feed
- Poor weight gain

### Questions

If you have any questions at all before you see the cardiology team in clinic, please contact our children's cardiac nurse specialists or paediatrician at your local hospital.

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