

Laila's story

Laila loves a giggle but her start in life was incredibly difficult. She was born critically ill after bleeding in the womb and spent 148 days across five hospitals before going home. For her mum Liga, life changed completely.

Laila has cerebral palsy and is blind, and her needs affect every part of daily life. For Liga, it's not only round-the-clock care but constant worry. Even the idea of Laila starting school once felt unimaginable – the thought of being away from her brought so many worries.

Liga explains: *"When you have a disabled child, you think about the one hundred things that could happen if you are not there."*

But with support from Acorns Community Nursing team, life at home improved. Care in the family home from clinical experts who knew Laila, gave Liga reassurance and time to step away.

"Thanks to Acorns, I don't need to worry. It's amazing that the support is there," Liga says.

That support also helped make something once out of reach feel possible. Through clinically supported day stays and gradual preparation, Laila was gently prepared for her first day at school.

Laila's journey shows what is possible with the right support. From birth, Acorns been there every step of the way bringing care, comfort and courage to the family when they needed it most.

“ We couldn't be without Acorns. There is literally no-one else, in all the community, that can offer this kind of support. ”

- Laila's mum, Liga

