

Patrick's story

Little Patrick has beautiful eyelashes, the cutest babble and gets all the cuddles. His start in life was far from easy, with his family thrown into frightening uncertainty from the very beginning.

Patrick was born unexpectedly at home and within hours his parents' lives changed completely. Born breech, he was rushed to hospital where doctors warned the family to prepare for the worst. He was diagnosed with Hypoxic Ischaemic Encephalopathy, a brain injury caused by restricted oxygen or blood flow to the brain.

The joy of a new baby quickly became urgent medical care and decisions no parent ever wants to face.

Mum Keri says: "I was very resentful when I was referred to Acorns. But we walked in and were met with such warmth and friendliness. I knew from that moment I was in the right place, and that it was a magical place."

Patrick receives tailored medical care and clinically supported stays. The family also benefit from community nursing at home, sibling support and our specialist therapeutic play sessions.

From those early days, Acorns continues to be there for Patrick and his family. The impact is a shift from crisis and uncertainty towards support and reassurance, with expert care they can trust.

“When you have a poorly child like Patrick, everything changes. Without Acorns, life would be nigh on impossible.”

- Patrick's mum, Keri

