**Further information**

* CHSF awarded £17,000 to Tiny Tickers to fund vital fetal cardiac sonography training across the Yorkshire region.
* Sharon Milner, the chief executive of CHSF, said: "We must pay tribute to CHSF’s incredible supporters for helping us fund yet more life-saving training through Tiny Tickers for sonographers in our region.

"It is clear that spotting a heart defect early can greatly improve a baby’s chances of survival and long-term quality of life.”

"Thanks to your donations, this training will make a huge difference to future children with congenital heart disease and their families.

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**About Tiny Tickers**

Tiny Tickers, a national charity, was founded in 1999 by world-renowned fetal cardiologist Dr Helena Gardiner, when she realised many of the babies she was caring for could have been helped earlier. It helps babies with congenital heart disease (CHD), their families and the health professionals who look after them. We want every baby with a serious heart condition to have the best chance of survival and quality of life.

Tiny Tickers aims to:

* Improve detection and diagnosis of CHD
* Educate and support health professionals
* Advance treatment and care of patients
* Improve experience of families affected by CHD

**About Children’s Heart Surgery Fund (**[**chsf.org.uk**](http://chsf.org.uk/)**)**

Established in 1988, Children’s Heart Surgery Fund (CHSF) is a charity providing support for babies, children, teenagers and adults born with Congenital Heart Defects.

CHSF’s mission is to support the Leeds Congenital Heart Unit as a world-class centre of excellence, providing life-saving equipment, ward resources and clinical research, as well as providing a vital support service for both the patients and their families.

More than 40% of the children who have an operation will need long-term care, and each year over 17,000 patients of all ages are treated at the heart unit.