

## Couple raises funds for incubator at Royal Bolton Hospital in memory of son

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Critically ill babies at the Royal Bolton Hospital are to benefit from a new incubator that has been donated by MedEquip4kids and made possible by dedicated supporters including Bradshaw Gass Trust, Carl & Janine White and Simplyhealth.

Carl and Janine White chose to support MedEquip4Kids in memory of their son, Elijah, who sadly passed away on 20th October 2015.

Carl White said:

"Our beautiful son, Elijah, was born on 13th October 2015. As soon as we saw Elijah, we fell unconditionally in love. He was half Janine, half me and he was perfect. However, due to complications during labour, Elijah suffered Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (starvation of oxygen to the brain) and was critically ill when he was born. Thanks to our little boy's amazing fighting spirit and the readily available equipment, facilities and staff at Royal Bolton Neonatal unit, we were blessed with a week of amazing memories that we will cherish for the rest of our lives."

The new state-of-the-art incubator will be used to provide a safe, stable, temperature controlled environment for new born or poorly infants.

Carl added;

"Since his passing, we have learned that a lot of the specialist equipment and faculties that kept both Elijah and us comfortable during his short life were funded by previous projects by MedEquip4Kids.

It is only when something like this happens to you that you realise how important charities like MedEquip4Kids are. We have experienced their work first hand and without them we might never have had the special moments that we shared with our amazing boy".

Sarah Suthers, Community Fundraiser for MedEquip4kids says "When babies are born it's crucial that all the right equipment is on hand to give them the best possible chance of a healthy future. We're so grateful to Carl & Janine White, The Bradshaw Gass Trust and Simplyhealth for their amazing support to MedEquip4Kids and Royal Bolton's Acute Paediatric Unit."

Vince Ashton , Medical Devices , Nurse Practitioner at RBH said : "The incubator is an essential addition to the Acute Paediatric and Neo Natal Unit at RBH. The impact this will have on the babies that will use it is immeasurable"

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