



Parley

Parents And Relatives
Listening and Empathising
with You

Ann's Story

Callum was born 7 weeks early by emergency c-section, as you can imagine he was small 4.5lbs. He was rushed off to Special Baby care to be assessed. A few hours after he was born the midwife came and told me that Callum had no ears - and brought me his picture. I wasn't able to see him until the next day. He was just a tiny baby in an incubator - after a few weeks we got him home. Got appointments for ENT etc. He was a happy baby, easy to comfort - a real pleasure. When he was about six months old his skin started to thicken and blister in places - the worst place the condition affected was his foot - it meant Callum took longer to learn to walk. He was diagnosed with a Linear Systematised Epidermal Nevus. So poor wee Callum was born with 2 rare genetic conditions neither connected.

He has had 3 operations for his hearing and now wears a hearing aid called a BAHA - this gives him almost 90% hearing. His skin condition causes him far more issues - he wears bandages on various parts of his body, he finds walking hard.

But even with all these problems Callum is the funniest and happiest little boy - always tries everything, he is in his first year at primary school and loves it. He thrives on life and makes our lives full. He is precious and very special and is a joy to have.