

## **MRF Media contact Newton-le-Willows, MERSEYSIDE**

### **Merseyside mum's warning: Babies under one hit hardest by meningitis and septicaemia.**

Susan Burke

Susan's son Cieran suffered meningococcal meningitis aged 9 months. He recovered but has after-effects. Read more at MRF's online Book of Experience: <http://meningitis.org/book-of-experience/cieran-burke-29973>

Said Susan: "My son Cieran had meningitis aged just 9 months. I trusted my instincts when I knew something was wrong and had him admitted to hospital where his condition got rapidly worse. He had a seizure and was transferred to Intensive Care in Manchester. Mercifully he pulled through but has been left deaf, epileptic and has mild cerebral palsy. Babies under one year-old are 38 times more susceptible to meningitis and septicaemia than older children and adults. Two babies will die from the diseases every week. Trusting your instincts and knowing the symptoms is vital. That's why I'm supporting MRF's Meningitis Awareness Week."

Willing to do: Press, Radio, TV

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