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Lincoln couple's warning: Babies under one hit hardest by meningitis and septicaemia.

John & Jane Gothorp

John and Jane's twins Euan and Kirsten died from GBS meningitis. Lincolnshire parents Jane and John Gothorp lost their newborn twins to the disease. Tiny Kirsten and Euan both died from Group B Streptococcal (GBS) meningitis just days after being born in February 2005.

Jane, of Dunholme, near Lincoln says: "When I went into hospital to have my children, it just didn't cross my mind that I might not get to take them home. My little girl Kirsten was born on February 18 and died on the 20th. Her brother Euan came on February 19 and was alive until February 23. "It was like being stuck in some sort of nightmare that I thought couldn't get any worse when Kirsten got ill. Then hours later they had to take Euan to intensive care as well.

"It's vitally important to be aware of the symptoms of meningitis, especially in babies under one-year-old, as these are the group most at-risk from the diseases. Contact Meningitis Research Foundation for free symptoms information. It only takes a few minutes but it could save a life. We'd like to stop other families going through the same ordeal that we had."

Willing to do: Press, Radio, TV but only pre-record for radio/TV, no live interviews.

If you'd like to speak to Jane, contact the MRF Communications team: 01454 281811