

## **MRF Media contact Bournemouth, Dorset**

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

Nicola McClure from

Daughter Megan suffered from Group B Streptococcal (GBS) meningitis in 2004 aged 21 months. She was critically ill and spent time in hospital, but mercifully she pulled through. Read more at MRF's online Book of Experience: <http://meningitis.org/book-of-experience/megan-rose-mcclure-29367>

Said Nicola: "My daughter Megan contracted the neo-natal form of meningitis when she was born. Not many people realise how big a risk this is. There are currently no vaccinations for this type of meningitis, and babies under one year old are the most at-risk group from the diseases. Two babies a week will die from meningitis and septicaemia, and babies are 38 times more likely to catch the diseases compared to older children and adults. Awareness of the symptoms is vital, which is why I wanted to support the Meningitis Research Foundations Awareness Campaign. Hopefully more people will recognise the symptoms early enough and save their children's lives.

Willing to do: Press, Radio, TV

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