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Alresford mum's warning: Babies under one hit hardest by meningitis and septicaemia.

Leesa Yeo

Daughter Isabel Peake suffered from Group B Streptococcal meningitis (GBS) in 2003 at just 18 hrs old. Thankfully she recovered but has been left with severe after-effects. Read more at MRF's online Book of Experience: <http://meningitis.org/book-of-experience/isabel-peake-29883>

Said Leesa: "My daughter Isabel suffered from Group B Streptococcal meningitis just 18 hours after she was born. She became ill very quickly but at first we thought it was just an infection. She went down hill and started fitting, and doctors said we should christen her as she might not make it. Mercifully she was treated with antibiotics and survived, but she has been left blind and disabled by the disease. Babies under one are 38 times more susceptible to meningitis than those over the age of one, and two babies die from the disease every week. It's vitally important to be aware of the symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia, that's why I'm supporting MRF's Meningitis Awareness Week."

Willing to do: Press, Radio, TV but can't travel far due to demands of young family.

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