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

Mette Mitchell.

Daughter Miko suffered from viral meningitis age 4 months and from more serious bacterial meningitis aged 6 months in Dec 06 and March 07 respectively. She went down hill rapidly in a matter of hours, and had seizure which medics unable to stop. She was rushed to hospital, Intubated and put in coma for 28 hrs. Spent weeks in Gt Ormond St. Miko is a fighter and against all the odds has gone on to make a perfect recovery.

Said Mette: "It was just over two years ago that we almost lost our precious daughter Miko to meningitis. She was just six months old when she developed Group B meningococcal meningitis and septicaemia. I thought that a bout of viral meningitis when she was three months old was going to be the worst experience of my life, but nothing prepared me for the horror of being in hospital with Miko suffering from the bacterial form of the disease and not knowing whether she would live or die. Only fast treatment saved her life. Every time I hug her now I get reminded that I could have lost her. Babies under one year old are the group most at-risk from meningitis. Two babies die every week and many more are left with life-altering after-effects such as brain damage, deafness and amputations. Knowing the symptoms can save a life, that's why I am supporting Meningitis Research Foundation's Meningitis Awareness Week. Ring their helpline or go to their website for free symptoms information. It only takes a minute but it could make all the difference."

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