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

Carolyn Williams

Carolyn's son Alfie suffered from pneumococcal meningitis aged just four months. He became ill extremely quickly and was rushed to A&E but was later transferred to the Children's Hospital for Wales as his condition was critical.

Said Carolyn: "My son Alfie had meningitis in 2008 aged just 4 months. Within just one hour of spotting the symptoms Alfie was unconscious and on a life support machine. Thankfully he recovered but it was a nightmare experience for our family - we really thought we'd lose him. Babies under one year old are 38 times more likely to get meningitis than those over one, and two babies will die every week from the diseases. It's vitally important to be aware of the symptoms, that's why I'm supporting Meningitis Research Foundation's Awareness Week."

Willing to do: Press, radio, TV

If you'd like to talk to Carolyn, contact MRF's Communications team: 01454 281811