



Babies, children, and teenagers of any age can have pulmonary hypertension

The symptoms, including **breathlessness, fatigue, fainting, or dizziness**, are very similar to those in adults.

The condition can be due to similar reasons too – babies may be born with a heart defect, or PPHN (persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn), or it may be hereditary. It could be linked to another health condition, or it could develop ‘out of nowhere’.

Children with PH are cared for by Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital. They either visit the central service in London or attend a ‘shared care clinic’ in locations across the UK.

Treatments used in adults are also effective in children. However, because children change more quickly than adults, they need to be watched closely by the PH team. This allows treatments to be changed, depending on the child’s needs.

“Her illness has not stopped us living life”

Connie’s mother,
Jane

