

About SSNAP

SSNAP supports premature and sick newborn babies, their parents and the amazing NHS staff that care for them. We operate from the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, a hospital with specialist support that cares for babies from all over the country.

Our support very much varies to the needs of our babies and parents. We have a 7 day a week Family Care Team that provide practical and emotional support to parents at their most vulnerable and anxious times. We fund staff training and study days for NHS staff ensuring they continue to provide the very best care possible for babies. SSNAP also funds essential equipment, not funded by the NHS, primarily for items that make life easier for parents, including reclining chairs and breast pumps to make new mums more comfortable, and furniture and fittings for a purpose-built Bereavement Suite.

Ultimately SSNAP care for the welfare of babies, parents and staff, to ensure they are in the safest and most comfortable environments they can be, during highly distressing and uncertain times.

How your donation makes a difference:

£3.50 buys a Julia Donaldson book for a family to read to their premature baby whilst on the unit.

Reading to a baby can help with brain development and is also soothing for the parent during times that can be very distressing.

£4 buys a 'SSNAP Teddy Bear' which goes into our 'Admission Welcome Boxes' for new babies and parents coming into the unit.

Both the baby and siblings can have a teddy bear which they can touch and cuddle to feel connection together.

£6.50 buys 10 hot drinks.

These drinks help fuel both parents and staff 24/7, especially through the night.

£12 buys a food voucher for a family to be able to get a hot meal and drink within the hospital.

Enabling them nutritious support and self-care time whilst not having to be too far away from their baby.

£14.50 buys an 'Admission Welcome Box' for new babies onto the unit, which includes all the essentials and niceties needed for parents and baby.

This includes; 'Our Journey Booklet', Photo Certificate, Teddy Bear, Muslin, Thermal Coffee Mug and more.

£17 Provides a 'Mini Cuski' which is a developmental comforter for a premature baby. A baby will have one in their incubator whilst a parent will wear one close to their body, these are then swapped, and evidence shows the Mini Cuski can reduce the babies HR & BP, comforting them from the parents scent.

£18 provides a day of snacks and food for all the parents in the unit, so that they don't have to leave their babies side.

Families say these snacks are a life-line for them.

£44 provides half a day's emotional and psychological support along with sign posting relevant services for parents from the Family Care Team.

This is an essential lifeline for anyone with a baby on the unit.

£150 provides a microwave.

This enables parents to sterilise milk bottles on the unit.

£180 will provide training for NHS staff for the day.

For example a psychologist course to enable more specialised support for parents if needed.

£800 provides special recliner chairs for parents.

This helps with comfort, kangaroo care and feeding cot side.

£1500 provides a Medula Express Pump.

An essential for mothers to provide breastmilk for tube fed babies on the unit.

£2000 provides enhancement and soft furnishings plus everything a family may need within the bereavement suite and family rooms.

There are so many ways you can be involved with SSNAP, from signing up as a member, joining one of our events throughout the year, or making a one off donation.

www.ssnap.org.uk