

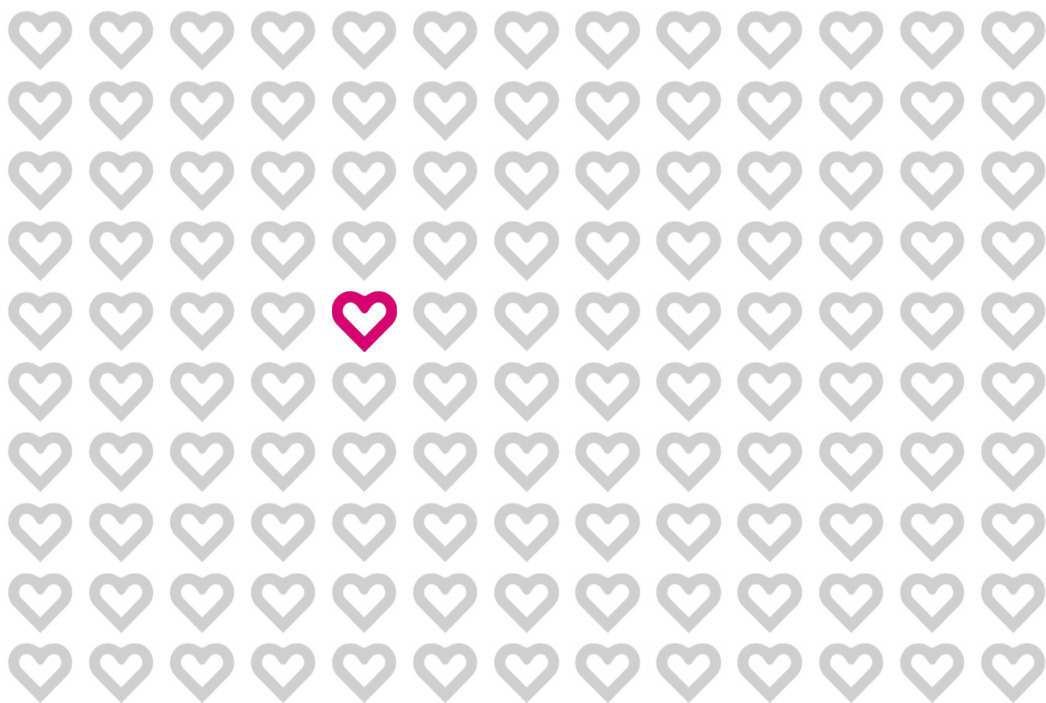


# tiny tickers

a better start for tiny hearts

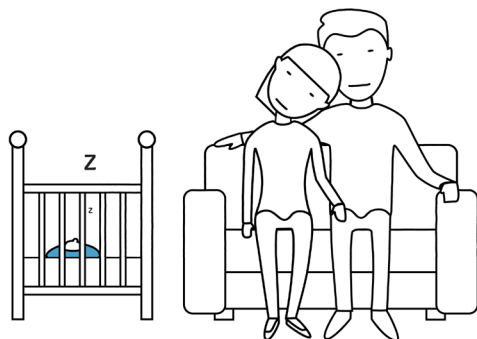


**Helping to improve  
the early detection  
of babies with  
serious heart  
conditions**



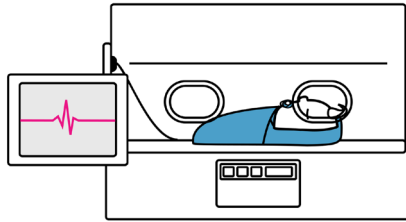
**1 in every 125**

**babies has a serious heart defect and over 1,000 babies are sent home from UK hospitals every year with an undetected heart condition.**



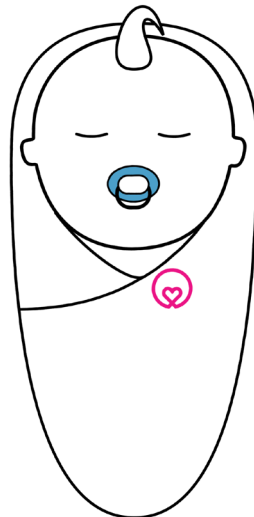
Heart problems are the most common and fatal congenital birth defect – accounting for 1 in every 13 infant deaths.

**Every year in the UK, more than 3,000 babies are born with a defect so serious it requires treatment during their first year of life.**



Early detection means babies get the treatment they need from the first opportunity – which can save lives, improve post-surgery survival rates and lead to a better long-term quality of life.

Tiny Tickers is the only national charity that works to improve prenatal detection rates of congenital heart defects (CHD) in babies, providing a better start for tiny hearts.



**“I’m sorry -  
but there’s a  
problem with  
your baby’s  
heart.”**



Ten words that changed Gemma’s life.

It was during Gemma’s 20-week pregnancy scan that her baby’s heart condition was first detected. On leaving the hospital that day, Gemma had never been so distraught in her life. But although she didn’t realise it at the time, Gemma and her baby girl, Martha, were very lucky.

Detection during pregnancy meant that Martha could get the treatment she needed as soon as she was born.

Gemma says “We know that if Martha’s heart problem had not been detected during pregnancy, she would not be here today.

She came into the world with a great pair of lungs and, to the outside world, looked perfectly healthy. If she’d been born at our local hospital we would have taken her home and she would not have survived. Even if her condition had been picked up before we left hospital, there would not have been enough time to search out the best treatment and she would have passed away.





**“Prenatal detection saved Martha’s life.”**

# Tiny Tickers gives a better start to tiny hearts.



We **train sonographers** and health professionals to spot defects during routine pregnancy scans or in immediate newborn tests.



We are **increasing awareness** of the signs of early heart failure in babies.



We fund **academic research** into the causes, consequences and treatment of CHD.



We **support the families** of babies with heart defects. CHD is the most common birth defect in the UK but people know less about it than Down's Syndrome, cleft lip and spina bifida.



We drive to **improve standards** through our lobbying and influencing work.



“Rocco’s heart problem was detected during mum Lisa’s 20-week pregnancy scan meaning the medical team were on hand as soon as he was born. Lisa believes her sonographer saved Rocco’s life.”

“Harriett was born with a heart defect which wasn’t detected until she was 8 weeks old. After five hours of surgery, Harriett slowly recovered and is now a happy and feisty 2 year old.”



“Jake’s condition was detected during his newborn checks at hospital. After an 8 hour surgery, his heart recovered and he is now a strong and healthy little boy.”

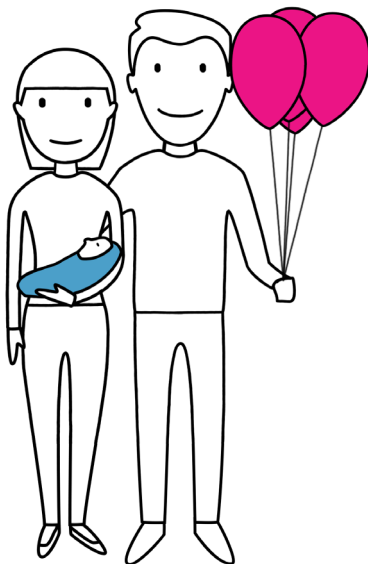
“Lyla was in heart failure before anyone realised she had a heart condition. Thankfully her GP diagnosed her heart problem and Lyla had surgery to correct her condition.”



# We're a small charity with big ambitions and we need your help.

Only by working together can we can make sure every baby born with a heart condition is given a fighting chance.

There are lots of ways to support us - from making a monthly donation or leaving a gift in your Will, to taking part in a fundraising event or selecting us as a corporate partner.



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