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What is Cleft Lip & Palate?

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In early pregnancy, different parts of a baby's face develop separately and then join together. If some parts do not join properly, the baby is born with a cleft.

A cleft lip and/or palate is the most common craniofacial abnormality (a problem to do with the skull and face) which babies can be born with.

The Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA) is a small charity supporting people born with a cleft and their families in the UK

We bring together people affected by cleft to help them connect with others who share their experiences, welcoming them into a supportive community for life.

Our services include:

Vibrant social Facebook, Twitter and Instagram profiles which promote positivity, bust myths and celebrate differences with regular content created by and for the cleft community.

Online support groups moderated by trained volunteers provide an instant connection for those looking for an informal support network.

Regular events give people the chance to talk about their experiences and worries and hear from others at all stages of the cleft journey.

Confidential one-to-one support provided by trained volunteer patients and parents who reassure those most in need that they can cope with whatever lies ahead.

Accredited information on cleft led by our community, reflecting their experiences and emotional needs as well as medical facts.

An Advocacy Service that provides tailored information and signposting to those with complex enquiries.

A Children and Young People's Council made up of 9-17-year-olds who meet to share their thoughts and experiences, helping to improve our support services as well as cleft research and NHS care.

A consultancy service for researchers which connects their work with our community.

A feeding service that supplies 15,000 subsidised items of specialist equipment for babies born with a cleft each year, including free of charge items for new and vulnerable families.

Area: Bassetlaw, Bolsover

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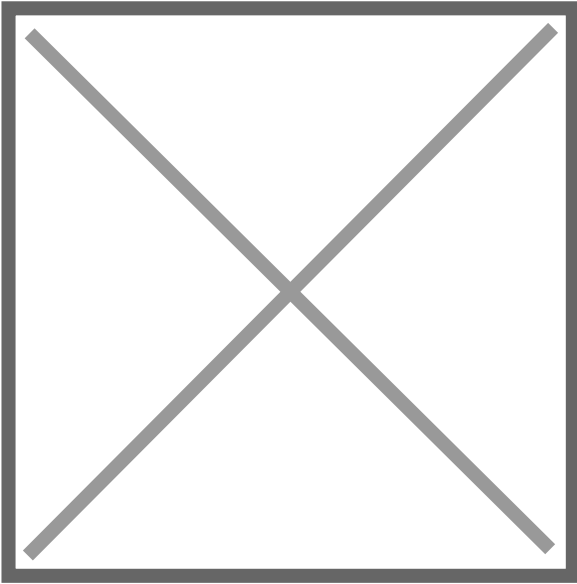
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