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Themes: Advocacy

Aimed at: Baby & Toddler Age 0-5

Group B Streptococcus is the UK's most common cause of life-threatening infection in newborn babies, and of meningitis in babies under age 3 months.

We provide confidential support and information to families and professionals in a number of ways including digital, telephone and email services.

Our Helpline provides general information for guidance on group B Strep and is accessed more than 1200 times a month. This ranges from straightforward enquiries seeking information on where to get GBS testing to much lengthier conversations, with parents needing to understand much more in-depth the issues around GBS.

The average call time with a parent who has had a baby affected by GBS is approximately 30 minutes.

We support families suffering from the devastating consequences of GBS infection as well as expectant parents concerned that their baby is at risk of GBS infection.

Many families contact us when a baby close to them falls ill. GBSS responds with information, a listening ear, and one-to-one support by phone or email.

GBSS gives families a safe space to share their experiences with others.

Parents and relatives may feel lonely and isolated by their experience – GBSS

provides a feeling of belonging to a supportive community who understand what they are going through.

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