



**MAKING A
DIFFERENCE
FOR SERIOUSLY
ILL CHILDREN**



CAMP SIMCHA SPECIAL CARE BABY SERVICE

Camp Simcha provides support for families coping with babies born prematurely at 34 weeks or less, as well as for babies born full-term with complex, potentially life-changing complications or conditions.

We also support families coping with a wide range of serious childhood illnesses covering over 50 different conditions, including degenerative or congenital conditions, cancer, chronic illnesses such as Diabetes, serious mental health conditions, and after accidents or serious surgery.

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Having a premature or seriously ill new-born is very scary for parents - especially if it is their first child - and when there are young siblings it can be very stressful to maintain normality for them. Camp Simcha can really make a big difference at this difficult time.”

Camp Simcha Family Liaison Officer Natalie Meyers,
Co-ordinator Special Care Baby support service

WHO DO WE HELP?

- **Premature babies (born at 34 weeks or less) who require special or intensive care for more than just a few days.**
- **Babies requiring neonatal care for other reasons, including but not limited to birth trauma leading to need for intensive care, severe infections and those babies requiring respiratory support.**
- **Babies with on-going needs, such as home oxygen and tube feeds.**

FOR HOW LONG?

Our premature baby service supports parents from the birth of their baby and covers the first few weeks after the baby has returned home, usually until their first GP outpatient follow-up. For all other conditions, Camp Simcha will support on a temporary or more long-term basis as is needed.



OUR SERVICES ARE BESPOKE AND TAILORED TO EACH FAMILIES CIRCUMSTANCE

- **A Family Liaison Officer** to provide support and to facilitate the services we provide
- Hospital transport
- Crisis meals for the family
- Mothers' hospital bag filled with necessities, toiletries and some treats
- Babysitting for siblings while parents are at the hospital
- High specification breast pump for mothers wanting to express if baby cannot feed at that time
- Freezer loaning to families for expressed milk

For more information, please contact one of our Hospital Outreach Coordinators in complete confidence:

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