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## Providing specialist care to baby Paul



Baby Paul\* is a one year old boy with Dystonic Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy and Gastro Oesophageal Disease. When he was born his parents were told by doctors that he may only have months or even a few weeks to live.

Paul was nursed in hospital for the first few weeks of his life and was moved to a local Hospice when his condition deteriorated. His parents visited the hospice every day, spending as much time as possible with him, but found this difficult as they also had to take care of Paul's brother.

Paul's parents quickly became very tired and the whole family began to feel the strain. They decided that they wanted Paul to spend the rest of his days at home with his family.

Advantage Healthcare was contacted by the PCT, requesting nurses to care for baby Paul and help to support the whole family.

Baby Paul came home with complex needs. He had a syringe driver in situ and was fed via a naso gastric tube. His medication regime was complicated so the Advantage Nurses took part in several shadow shifts at the hospice before baby Paul was sent home. The nurses were also able to guide and support Paul's parents in providing him with care.

The support provided by Advantage nurses now allows Paul's parents to obtain some rest at night and his father has been able to return to work. This means they can now enjoy their time as a family at home without the strain of travelling to a hospice every day or having to provide full time care single handedly.

*\*service users name has been changed for data protection*