

SPECIAL CARE BABY UNITS

All hospitals with a Maternity Unit have Special Care Baby Units. These units, whilst mainly thought of as being for premature babies, also cater for full term babies with conditions or illnesses which need to be monitored by specialist doctors and nurses rather than by Midwives on the Post Natal wards with their mothers.

Special Care Baby Units fall into 2 categories, those who can deal with premature babies born under 28 weeks gestation and those who take babies born from 28 weeks plus gestation. As a Charity, The Lauren Page Trust is set up to help any of the Special Care Baby Units within the Greater London area. Currently, the ones which we support are Whipps Cross Hospital and Kings College Hospital. These 2 hospitals fall into the above categories – Whipps Cross 28 weeks plus, Kings College all babies. We have chosen these hospitals at the moment for no other reasons other than the fact that Lauren was born at Kings College and then, when well enough, was transferred back to Whipps Cross at 10 weeks old. Lauren's older brother, Ben, was also born prematurely at 31 weeks gestation and spent 6 weeks in the Special Care Baby Unit at Whipps Cross.