

Family Profiles:

Leah

- Mum
- P.E. teacher
- IVF pregnancy, "Textbook" pregnancy with Oscar

Mark

- Dad
- Police officer

Oscar – 22 months



- Loves being around other children
- Damage to basal ganglia
- Has low tone in core & high tone in arms and legs which impacts balance and means that he is unable to sit unsupported

During labour, Oscar was not monitored in line with national guidance and was born in poor condition. He was down for 7 minutes and suffered long term brain damage as a result.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

The Occupational Therapist has supported Oscar with seating, he tried a chair in February and we have had to wait until July to get it. To get 2 chairs one for home and one for nursery has been a battle.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST

The Speech and Language Therapist has helped Oscar's from early on with different positions for feeding. She is very experienced and always finds time for us, though it can be difficult to get hold of her.

COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICIAN IMPACT

When you get hold of him, he's lovely, really helpful but it's incredibly hard to get hold of him. 15 plus phone attempts is not ok.

IMPACT OF COVID

A week before we went into lockdown Oscar was given a loose diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy...such a bombshell...then we heard nothing...

"Different systems don't work together or talk to each other."

"Our Health Visitor has been the most consistent professional in Oscar's life"

"We're having to fight for everything, even just to get answers."

PERSON STORY