

Aidan's Elephants

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For Bereaved Parents and their Families.

Aidan's Elephants is a non-profit organisation, run in memory of our son, Aidan Christopher - who died when he was two days old. We work to support Airedale General Hospital in their aim to continuously improve their bereavement services. Our main service is donating handmade Memory Boxes to Airedale's Labour Ward, Neonatal Unit, Children's Ward and A&E Department. We also pay for staff to attend bereavement courses in order to increase the number of midwives trained to support bereaved families. We offer funding for specialist equipment (such as cold cots, digital cameras, printers) and help to ensure that the Sunbeam Suite (a specially designed room off labour ward, where bereaved parents can stay with their babies for as long as they wish) is as comfortable and well equipped as possible.

Our interactive website provides practical information relating to the death of a baby or young child, such as how to register a birth and death, how to plan a funeral, and where to look for support. It also offers links to relevant charities/organisations, and to local services such as funeral directors, florists and counselling services. We run social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter, which provide families with community support and allow us to receive valuable feedback.

Our handmade Memory Boxes are donated to four departments at Airedale General Hospital. We work closely with the hospital staff to ensure that stock is replenished as soon as it becomes low, and regularly discuss how we can improve/update the boxes according to parents' feedback. Our boxes, along with the specially trained midwives at Airedale, gently guide parents through the process of creating tangible keepsakes and invaluable memories with their child.

Each Aidan's Elephants Memory Box contains:

- A large decorated Memory Box for parents to keep their precious baby's things in.
- A clay print impression kit and inkless wipe kit, to capture baby's hand and footprints
- A candle in a glass tea light holder engraved with 'Always Remembered, Always Loved'.
- A curl box, to keep a little lock of hair inside.
- A card, so the family can write a poem or letter to their baby.
- An SD card for storing baby's precious photographs on.
- A sachet of rosemary seeds, for the family to plant in their baby's memory.
- Two identical soft elephants, one for the family to give to their baby, and one for the family to keep.
- A small card with a message from us on, containing our website address and contact details.

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