

Specialist Service Provision:

Risks & Opportunities in a Changing Landscape

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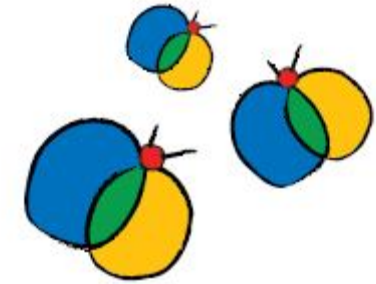






Ventriculoperitoneal Shunts

Baclofen Pumps



Chronic Lung Disease

Gastric Bleeds

Skin Disease

Epilepsy

**Gastrostomies
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Asthma

**Recurrent
Chest infections**

Associated Diagnoses and Problems

Mental Health

**Gastro-oesophageal
Reflux**

Urinary Tract Infections

Hydrocephalus

Hearing Impairments

Kidney Malformations

Heart Abnormalities

Visual Impairments

Constipation

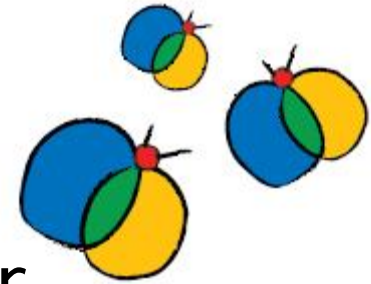
Bleeding Disorders

**Nutritional
Deficiencies**









‘Children, young people and their parents/carers are often frustrated that the health and social care services do not have a ‘joined-up’ approach to the services that they provide. Simple needs for care may go unmet as NHS and social care organisations dispute which is responsible for funding a particular need.’





Bring Nathan home | Appeal to bring Nathan home

by **Thais Portillo-Shrimpton**

The family of a toddler who has lived most of his life in hospital after suffering major brain damage is appealing for help to bring him home.

Four-year-old Nathan Ellul has been receiving neurological treatment at Tadworth Children's Trust rehabilitation centre for three years, after he stopped breathing.

His mother, Suzanne, and twin sister, Gabriella, had to move out of the family's home in Woodford Green, Essex, to stay close to him during his treatment.

When Nathan was finally discharged, in April last year, he had to remain at the centre because the family were told their home would have to be adapted before he could move back, and the changes would cost £50,000.

Mrs Ellul said: "I had to give up my job to move here with Gabriella, so we could be close to Nathan. He has received amazing treatment here and he has been ready to go home, but unless we fit the house with wheelchair access, a lift and wider doors, for instance, we can't take him back."

To raise the funds, the family have launched the Bring Nathan Home Appeal, complete with a Facebook group, to raise money for their son's return.

Nathan, who was born with a condition called "floppy air-

Gabriella doesn't know any different from the centre.

"She's been living here most of her life and I really want her to be able to have a normal childhood."

"She thinks this is her home and refers to our Woodford Green house as 'daddy's home'."

To help, see Bring Nathan Home Appeal on Facebook or send a cheque to Nathan Ellul, Mulberry House, the Children's Trust, Tadworth Court, Tadworth KT20 5RU.

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Father's heartache at son's separation

By **CLAIRE HACK**

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THE father of a severely disabled boy who has spent most of his life in a Surrey hospital has spoken of his heartbreak at being away from him.

Last week the Guardian spoke to the mother of four-year-old Nathan Ellul, who has been treated at the Tadworth Children's Trust rehabilitation centre for the past three years after suffering brain damage during a respiratory arrest when he was a baby.

His family has been offered a £30,000 grant so that they can adapt their house in Gascoigne Gardens, Woodford Green, to care for him at home, but are still more than £20,000 short of what they need.

Ian Ellul, 42, a software engineer, is only able to see his wife and children once a week as they can only return from Surrey at the weekends.

He said: "The situation has been really hard. My family are isolated and I've missed watching my children grow up. My daughter doesn't really know what normality is."

Waltham Forest Council have offered a disability facilities grant which will pay for a lift running from their front room to the first floor, but the Elluls say their home needs £50,000 of work, including extending the house and moving the kitchen so that Nathan can have a downstairs bedroom and bathroom.

Mum Suzanne Ellul said: "Other boroughs give top ups, but unfortunately, Waltham Forest don't have the facility to do that."

Clar Liz Phillips, cabinet

Fresh push for funds to ease family's plight

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A MOTHER of a severely

The organisation, started by Essex businessmen Tony Croft and Dennis Lawrence, allows fundrais-

● See www.simplyfundraising.co.uk/case-list?cause=129 to help the Ellul family.

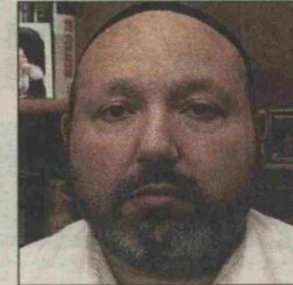
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Dad Ian and left, Nathan with mum and sister

HELP NATHAN COME HOME



Mother Suzanne Ellul with Nathan and, right, father Ian at home in Woodford Green (EL1947D-2)

Family battles on to bring young son home

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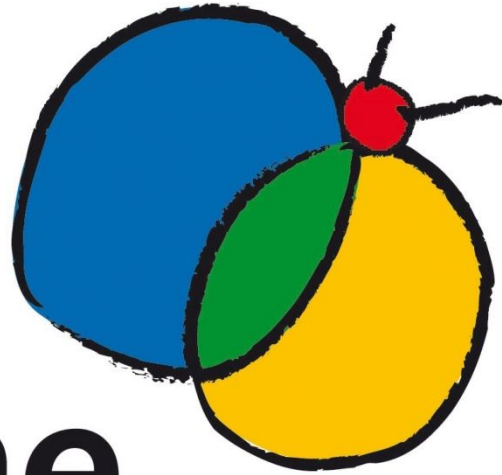












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