

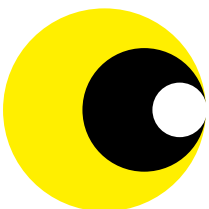


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Manchester Royal Eye Hospital Bicentenary Appeal

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“Our children deserve the best, help us ensure that happens.”

Professor Christopher Lloyd

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon and Paediatric Ophthalmologist
Clinical Lead for Paediatric Ophthalmology, MREH

I am proud to be part of this very special Appeal in support of Manchester Royal Eye Hospital's Manchester Centre for Children's Vision. Our Appeal aims to raise much needed funds for a hospital which is celebrating 200 years of service.

Each year we treat over one million patients from across the North West and beyond. Many of these patients are young children faced with serious visual problems or inherited eye diseases.

We see 500 children each week in our paediatric clinic and believe that these children deserve the very best facilities and the most advanced medical care available. We hope that our Bicentenary Appeal will enable us to provide this. Your support will ensure that we can deliver the very latest treatment and care in more comforting, less clinical surroundings, fund vital research into children's eye conditions and, more importantly, deliver better treatments for the next generation of children.

“With your help this Appeal will help us to develop new and innovative ways of treating eye disease to ensure that we continue to provide world class and cutting edge treatment. With the potential of being able to improve and save sight in more children.”

Susmito Biswas
Clinical Head of Division and Consultant Paediatric Ophthalmologist and Ophthalmic Surgeon



“It is so important to me that the families of the children we treat know that their child is at the heart of everything we do.”

Lynn McKenzie
Specialist Nurse for Children's Services



The children we treat...



Olivia is two-years-old and has been a patient at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital since visiting the emergency eye clinic at just 11-weeks-old. Here her mum Christina tells us her story...

When Olivia was 11-weeks-old I noticed that her eye had gone cloudy like a marble. At first the GP thought it might be an eye infection but when the eye lost all of its colour, Olivia was referred to the emergency eye clinic at MREH where she was diagnosed with congenital glaucoma - a condition where the drainage channel in the eye hasn't developed properly so fluid within the eyeball is unable to drain away. This then increases the pressure in the eyes and can ultimately lead to blindness.

Four days later Olivia underwent surgery to relieve the pressure in her eye. Sadly it didn't take effect and

after a second failed attempt she was offered a much more complex surgery which ran the risk of complications. We agreed to the surgery knowing that it was our only hope of saving our daughter's sight.

Thanks to the expertise of the doctors and nurses at MREH, the operation was a complete success. Olivia now wears glasses to correct her short sightedness and still visits the hospital for check-ups but, for now, her sight is fine and she's a very happy, busy little girl.



The difference you can make...

Manchester Royal Eye Hospital's Bicentenary provides a unique opportunity to not only mark the achievements of our wonderful hospital but also to raise essential funds to enhance the world class care we are so proud to offer.

With your help we want to:

1. Make the Children's Outpatient Clinic more child and family friendly

The current paediatric clinics, reception and waiting areas are very clinical looking and can be intimidating to our young patients. With the help of our donors we hope to transform our existing facilities into unique patient-focussed areas that reflect the age and condition of the patients we treat.

2. Recruitment of a Children's Eye Clinic Liaison Officer

The provision of this specialist post will provide much needed support to patients and their families at a critical time - when a child is diagnosed with a serious eye condition. This service will enhance the care we are able to offer our patients beyond diagnosis.

3. Provide state-of-the-art equipment to improve diagnosis in children

The Appeal will fund state-of-the-art equipment such as hand held Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) which will help diagnose young patients faster and will improve the understanding of the retinal structure.

4. Provide specialist equipment to enhance clinical and research excellence in eye care

The Appeal will provide equipment such as a high through-put DNA Sequencing Machine that will significantly improve diagnosis of inherited eye diseases, making it much less invasive for patients. It will also enable our researchers to better understand the genetic basis of eye disease and offer the potential for enhanced treatments.



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