

Borne prevents death and disability in childbirth and creates lifelong health for mothers and babies.
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Rebirth and spin off of The Borne Foundation ("Borne") as an independent medical research Charity

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Borne to fund research to reduce preterm birth and create lifelong health for mothers and babies. Borne was set up as a research appeal three years ago by Professor Mark Johnson and CW+, the charity for Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, with the support of a group of parents and founding donors.

Today saw the launch of Borne as an independent charity, as it formally separated from CW+ and celebrated its rebirth with its own team and its own trustees.

The money raised for Borne to date will be transferred from CW+ to The new Borne Foundation, together with Borne's research commitments and programmes.

The Borne Foundation's goal will also remain the same: to fund research that can create lifelong health for mothers and babies, by reducing the risk of preterm birth.

Mark Johnson, Founder of Borne, said:

"Borne has already succeeded in identifying treatments to reduce the risk of premature birth. If the successes of our laboratory results are replicated in clinical trials, Borne has the potential to substantially reduce the risk of pre-term labour"

As an independent charity, The Borne Foundation looks forward to being able to build on these foundations to grow the research team; start new phases of research: and accelerate those trials, both here in the UK and also in Africa."

Chris Chaney, CEO of CW+, said:

"We are incredibly proud to have helped establish Borne and the support it has received has been phenomenal. We would like to wish The Borne Foundation the very best in continuing this great work which will help so many mothers and babies in the future."

Julian Mylchreest, Chairman of Trustees, The Borne Foundation, said:

"Being born early is the single largest cause of death in children less than 5 years of age. It also causes more years of disability, than stroke, heart disease or any other chronic condition.

Borne's work to address this is only just beginning, but already Mark and the team are starting clinical trials based on their discoveries to date that have the potential to give thousands of mothers a safer pregnancy and thousands of babies a better start in life.

As we look to expand and accelerate that research effort, we also look forward to the continued support of our existing Borne supporters, as well as to making new connections and establishing new funding and research partnerships"

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Notes to Editors

The Borne Foundation is a medical research charity based in Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and Imperial College facilities.

Our aim is to identify the causes of premature birth to save lives, prevent disability and create lifelong health for mothers and babies.

For further information, please visit our website: www.borne.org.uk

CW+ is the charity for Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. They bring together pioneering research, clinical innovation, art and design to improve the hospital environment and experience for patients, families and staff. For further information, please visit www.cwplus.org.uk