

Hannah Bundy went into early labour in May, 2017 when she was just six months pregnant. She was rushed to Salisbury District Hospital whilst in severe pain and unable to talk. Within eight minutes of arriving in the hospital car park George was born weighing just 1lb 11oz [Compared to the National new born Boy average of 7lb 8oz]. Hannah said: 'The pain was so bad, I thought something was going wrong and we were going to lose him'. George's Father Jamie added: 'He wasn't alive when he was delivered and was taken straight off to resuscitation. Four minutes later though we were told he was breathing'.

George spent three months in hospital, including time on a life support machine. He also had to have several blood transfusions. George's parents did not see him for the first 6 hours of his life as medical staff were readying him for a travel to Southampton hospital to stay in a specialist unit, he was too young to stay at Salisbury.

'It was pretty traumatic,' said Jamie. 'The first week and a half we couldn't hold him and were wondering how he was going to pull through. That was hard, watching him through an incubator. When you finally hold him, you are so conscious of all the wires ultimately keeping him alive'. 'It is a very strange feeling, as soon as he was born, he was taken away. It's a very surreal process that you have had a baby and he is not with you'. 'It was quite a journey, I knew nothing about premature birth before this and have realised how common it actually is'. 1 in 10 babies are born premature.

George now 3, is doing well and is thriving in Pre-School, His parents were told he may not have been able to attend nursery & preschool due to his low immune system, however he is now excelling and has caught up to where he should be.



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