

## Eloise ...

At just a few weeks old, little Eloise was diagnosed with a rare congenital heart defect and a hole in her heart. Doctors didn't know if she would survive without her ventilator - but she did, underwent open heart surgery and continues her brave fight as a one year-old.

At diagnosis, the family were referred to East Anglia's Children's Hospices at Quidenham for end of life care.

Sharon, Eloise's mum, said "We cannot thank Quidenham enough for all the help they have given us. We spent an awful six weeks watching her every day and thinking she was going to die. The staff at EACH were great and organised a christening with food and balloons."

Throughout this time, Quidenham have arranged for Eloise's first trip out to Banham Zoo, with the support of two EACH nurses, given advice and support to her older brother's school, offered the family counselling and allowed the family short break care.

Sharon continued "We don't know what the future holds for her but she is the happiest and most content of babies and we are such proud parents. If it wasn't for the continued support of EACH, I dread to think how we would have coped, as we still do."

