




BIBS, Buscot Ward, Royal Berkshire Hospital, London Road, Reading, RG1 5AN
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Babies in Buscot Support (BIBS) – Annual General Meeting 2014

Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 8.00 pm

**Maternity Meeting Room, Level 2 Maternity block (alongside Ultrasound)
Royal Berkshire Hospital**

Dear Buscot Parent,

On behalf of the BIBS committee, I would like to invite you to our AGM. As a registered charity, we hold a general meeting every year. This is where we vote for committee positions, approve our annual accounts and plan what we'll focus on in the coming year.

Come along if you think you might like to be involved. This is your opportunity to have your say and suggest ideas that will enhance the experience of the babies and their families during their stay on Buscot Ward.

The meeting is open to all friends and family members of babies who have been on Buscot Ward.

Can you help BIBS?

We are always looking for new volunteers for the BIBS committee or to join our Parent Supporters rota. The work of BIBS happens purely on a voluntary basis by the families of babies who have been on Buscot Ward. We rely on the commitment and dedication of those who give their time to the charity, and in return they get involved in decisions that directly affect the ward.

The BIBS committee meets once a month. We decide how the money donated to BIBS is spent, provide facilities such as the Family Room and overnight rooms, provide information via our website, Facebook and Twitter, and organise fun things like Mother's and Father's Day cards and Christmas Stockings for the babies in the ward. Projects and purchases by BIBS this year include the refurbishment of the two overnight rooms and the quiet room, and the purchase of hot cot mattresses, cardiac monitors, end tidal CO2 monitors, high flow machines, phototherapy units and breast pumps. BIBS continue to work with the ward to improve support for parents by funding NCT specialist practitioners to give postnatal advice. We have contributed to and supported the Bliss "It's Not a Game" campaign to highlight the financial implications to parents of having a baby in Special Care. In the coming year we are running the Saving Tiny Lives campaign with the Reading Post to raise £29,000 to purchase a new Giraffe Omnibed incubator.

The BIBS Parent Supporters are parents who have had babies on Buscot in the past. Each Wednesday evening one of the Parent Supporters come into the Family Room on Buscot to talk to and support the families who currently have babies on the ward. We know this service is invaluable to parents as it provides someone to talk to who understands what they are going through.

Volunteering for BIBS will only require a commitment of a few hours a month, and it is a great way to give something back to the ward.

Warm regards

Rachel Argent

BIBS Chair