



Did you know...?



- Around one in every 1000 babies born in the UK will have Down's syndrome.
- There are approximately 40,000 people in the UK with the condition.
- People with Down's syndrome are all unique individuals with their own personalities, family backgrounds and preferences that make them who they are.
- Although the chance of a baby having Down's syndrome is higher for older mothers, more babies with Down's syndrome are born to younger women.
- Down's syndrome is caused by the presence of an extra chromosome in a baby's cells. Down's syndrome usually occurs because of a chance happening at the time of conception.
- Down's syndrome occurs in all races, religious and economic situations.
- Down's syndrome is not a disease. People with Down's syndrome are not ill and do not "suffer" from the condition.
- People with the syndrome will have a learning disability. The learning disability affects a person's ability to learn, it does not mean they cannot learn.
- Like most of the population, people with Down's syndrome learn at school, have interests, hobbies and talents, have friends and relationships.
- Today the average life expectancy for a person with Down's syndrome is between 50 and 60 with a small number of people living into their seventies.

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