



Cardiac Risk in the Young



On Saturday September 28th 2002 CRY launched the CRY Surgery Supporters Network for young people (under 35) who have had or are about to confront potentially life-saving surgery and want to talk to others who have been through a similar experience.

Network founder members met in the CRY office to participate in a day focused on developing listening skills with the highlight being a Q & A session given by Dr Elijah Behr, Specialist Registrar in Cardiology from St. George's Hospital Medical School. Elijah was a huge success responding to members' questions on issues that they had not had the opportunity to ask their cardiologist!

Network members can be contacted through the CRY office and would be pleased to help any young person undergoing or who have had implantation or ablation.



Lisa King

"When I was younger and having surgery I felt like there was no-one I could talk to about my worries. Although the adults were kind they didn't understand how I was feeling, so I would like to help other children and young adults who would feel that they could relate to me as I have been in a similar situation"

Antony Eames

"I had a pacemaker fitted when I was 18. This enabled me to do far more strenuous exercise than I could do previously. It is fantastic to be free to participate in so many things that for so long I could not even think about trying."

Louise Campbell

"I think the fact that heart conditions affect young people too needs to be advertised as much as possible as even my own friends have trouble believing me!"

Rebekah Goddard

"My pacemaker is my best friend. It's great for freaking people out and is a good conversation starter! I wouldn't ever consider not having it."

Bradley Farrow

"I have had an AICD implant because I have Brugada but it doesn't stop me from doing all the things that I want to do."

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For more information call 01737 363222 or go to www.c-r-y.org.uk/ssgroup.htm

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