

Charity gives lifeline to Birmingham's newborns

Baby Lifeline has made a pledge to help raise an impressive £250,000 for life saving treatments for some of the West Midlands sickest babies.

The Midlands-based national mother and baby charity Baby Lifeline, is helping to raise the money to enhance neonatal services for mums and newborns at Birmingham's Heartlands Hospital, Good Hope Hospital and Solihull Hospital.

Nick Owen, television presenter and long standing vice president of Baby Lifeline, will join comedian Felix Dexter, founder of Baby Lifeline Judy Ledger, and the Trust's head of midwifery Joy Payne at the unit to launch the appeal's first phase with a target of £250,000 for much-needed neonatal and maternity equipment.

You are invited to attend the launch of the appeal at Heartlands Hospital on Tuesday 23 August 2011 at 11.45am. Interviews will be available with Nick Owen, Judy Ledger, Felix Dexter and Joy Payne and there will be opportunities to take photographs. Please contact Janet Mee on 0121 424 3845 to confirm arrangements.

The first fundraising event will be a special celebrity-attended comedy night hosted by Birmingham City Football Club on 16 September. For more information contact Janet Mee on 0121 424 3845 or email janet.mee@heartofengland.nhs.uk