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24 July 2017

A spokesperson for Great Ormond Street Hospital said: "We have always paid tribute to the extraordinary courage and strength of Connie Yates and Chris Gard and their devotion to their son. Today our hearts go out to them as they face the most difficult decision that any parent should ever have to make."



Our staff share the parents' sadness over Charlie, whom they have cared for with dedication during the months he has spent at Great Ormond Street Hospital. We were heartened to hear their appreciation of our staff's care in their recent public statement.

We seek to care for and support every parent who brings their child to Great Ormond Street Hospital and it is a source of great regret in the very rare cases when an agreement cannot be reached about what is in the child's best interests.

This has been an incredibly complex case, going to the heart of medical ethics and when, and if, experimental treatment is acceptable for children suffering from rare diseases. We would like to acknowledge all those who have contributed their expertise and advice.

Chris and Connie have communicated their desire to spend time with Charlie. We appeal for them to be given the space and privacy they need at this heart-breaking time.

Please see GOSH position statement issued at the High Court on 24 July 2017:



[Great Ormond Street Hospital position statement at High Court on 24 July 2017](#) (372.65 KB)

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Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust is the country's leading centre for treating sick children, with the widest range of specialists under one roof.

With the UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, we are the largest centre for paediatric research outside the US and play a key role in training children's health specialists for the future.

Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity needs to raise money to support the hospital to give children who need help the most the best chance for life. The charity funds patient and family support programmes, provides the latest medical equipment and supports the essential redevelopment of the hospital. It has also launched a five-year strategy to support research in some of the most serious and complex childhood diseases. Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity is the largest dedicated funder of paediatric research in the UK and our work is entirely funded through the generosity of supporter donations. For more information visit www.gosh.org



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