

# Can you save the life of our precious Faye?

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A WORLDWIDE search was under way today for a bone marrow donor to save the life of an eight-year-old Merseyside girl.



Faye Lafferty from Huyton has aplastic anaemia, a rare disorder which stops production of blood cells in her bone marrow.

Only 30 to 40 UK children are diagnosed with it every year.

Faye has constant nose bleeds, is tired and susceptible to infection. The only cure is a bone marrow transplant.

Doctors and the Anthony Nolan Trust, who have spent months searching for a match, have drawn a blank.

Now Faye's family have turned to the ECHO in the hope one of our readers could be the donor they are longing for.

Faye, a pupil at St Anne's RC primary, said: "My nosebleeds are horrible and I feel poorly.

"I understand that I have to have a bone marrow transplant, but I don't mind because I get my own room in hospital with a television."

Faye's best hope was a transplant from her sisters Heather, 10, and Sophie, nine.

But neither was a match.

Her parents Karen and Chris are hoping three Merseyside bone marrow register clinics organised this spring will find a donor for their daughter.

Mrs Lafferty said: "I am trying to be positive but I am really worried.

"The worst thing is not knowing what is going to happen next. Joining the Anthony Nolan Register is something that could save so many people's lives, not just Faye's."

The clinics are:

March 26, 3-7pm: The Gallery Room, Huyton Civic Suites, Civic Way, Huyton.

April 10 3-7pm: The Osprey Room, Kirkby Civic Suites, Cherryfield Drive, Kirkby.

April 16, 5-7pm: Pall Mall dental clinic, 42 Pall Mall, Liverpool.

Rebecca Sedgwick, from the Anthony Nolan Trust, said: "The clinics we are holding around the area are in light of Faye's illness. We need people not only to help Faye but 7,000 other people who need bone marrow transplants in the UK.

"We need people to go on our register as donors. We hope to find a suitable match for Faye.

"But to be a donor you need to be available to any one of our transplant patients."

POTENTIAL donors must be aged between 18 and 40 and in good health to join the Anthony Nolan Trust register

Donors who are male or from ethnic minorities are in short supply.

How to join the register:

To join the register call 0901 8822234 for an information pack, complete a medical form and a blood sampling kit will be sent to your GP surgery.

Your small blood sample will then be tissue-typed and the information held on a database of donors which is regularly searched for the thousands of patients who are looking for a match.

Log on to [www.anthonynolan.org.uk/](http://www.anthonynolan.org.uk/) in the UK or [www.bmdw.org/](http://www.bmdw.org/) to find bone marrow registers from around the world.

If you are between 40-44 you can join The British Bone Marrow Registry on 0845 771 1711.

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