



Our history

In 1964 Lions Clubs endorsed MedicAlert in their international magazine, the Collins family, who were the founders of the MedicAlert Foundation, took a six-week tour around Europe to promote MedicAlert to interested Lions Clubs.

With much support from Lions Clubs and Denis Gilchrist (a former Chair of the MedicAlert Foundation), as well as a headlining article in the 'Nursing Times', awareness of MedicAlert had increased across the UK and the Republic of Ireland. Due to its growth, MedicAlert UK became a separate entity from Lions Clubs but our partnership is ongoing.

Our joint endeavour, the Early Start Programme, in which we provide free membership and an ID to children under 10, and their families, has over 600 active members today.

Parents and guardians of children under the age of 10 can apply to the Early Start Programme, we process their application and draw from the funds donated by the kind members of Lions Clubs to provide the membership and their first item of jewellery for free.



How you can help

Just £300 protects a child all the way to their 10th birthday, sponsoring MedicAlert membership and a medical ID.

Scan the QR code to contact us for more information on how you can provide life-saving membership and daily peace of mind by sending a donation to your district treasurer.



Our new members



Imogen

Imogen was diagnosed with Coeliac disease in 2022 when she was just 18 months old. Five months later, her family discovered MedicAlert.



Eliana

When Eliana was just 9 months old, she experienced a severe allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis to peanuts.

Visit the [Early Start](#) page to find out more about how the programme works.



LIONS CLUBS & MEDICALERT



THE EARLY START PROGRAMME