



Isla is the sort of child that lights up a room with her smile. She will be 5 in December and recently started school. It is hard to believe that at just 3 months old, Isla became the youngest person to be diagnosed with FOP in the UK. Isla is a happy, energetic little girl despite suffering significant FOP progression in the last year which has caused mobility issues. Her arms are locked bent, she has scoliosis of the spine and almost no movement in her neck or shoulders. Since March Isla has been participating in a FOP drug trial and has been super brave with all the appointments and tests. We now have real hope that a treatment will be found

Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) is one of the rarest and most disabling genetic conditions. FOP progressively forms a second skeleton that imprisons the body in bone. FOP turns otherwise healthy people, like Isla, into human statues; a healthy mind locked into a frozen body

This year has seen further progress in research both in Canada and at Oxford University giving a better understanding of the condition and it's causes. Hopefully, this will lead on to drugs becoming available that will have a considerable impact on the quality of life for the sufferer. The challenge continues to be the lack of funding from the government and finding people eligible and mobile enough to take part in the trial.

FOP Friends needs your help in order to keep the research going and to make the hope of treatment to improve the lives of sufferers a reality. The research into the treatment and cures for FOP sufferers may also have positive benefits for those with childhood brain cancer, osteoporosis, chronic asthma, stem cell therapy and more.....

ALL MONEY RAISED AT THIS EVENT GOES DIRECTLY TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE RESEARCH INTO FINDING A CURE FOR ISLA AND HER FOP FRIENDS.