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# Jump inspired by sick toddler

**Weybridge:** Dental practice staff take on skydive for children's charity

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STAFF from a Weybridge dental practice will be throwing themselves out of a plane from 10,000 feet to raise money for a charity looking after a toddler who sustained brain damage after an accident.

The group from Portmore Dental, which includes Naomi Maynard, 22, will be taking part in a skydive next month to raise funds for The Children's Trust in Tadworth.

Charlie Berry, Naomi's three-year-old cousin, is staying with the trust after an accident in

Spain last year.

Charlie, from Chilsey Green Road, Chertsey, spent seven weeks in hospital in Alicante, after he was found face down in his family's pool.

He was then moved to St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, after being flown back to the UK in September and is now staying with The Children's Trust where he is undergoing tests to determine the extent of his brain damage.

Naomi and her colleagues wanted to fundraise for the charity because of the good work it is doing with Charlie.

She said: "Charlie was at St Peter's for a few months and

then went to Tadworth. It is mainly rehabilitation while he is there. We wanted to raise money for the trust because of the work it is doing for Charlie. The staff are great."

The Children's Trust is a national charity working with children with acquired brain injury, multiple disabilities and complex health needs.

Also taking part in the skydive are dental nurses Katie Frith, Emma Faircloth and Liz Cowburn, dentist Eben Van Der Walt and hygienist Marguerite Kelly.

Naomi, from Frithwald Road, Chertsey, added: "My family thinks we are crazy but

are happy that we are doing it. We are hoping to raise about £2,000. We have got a just-giving page up and running so we are hoping people will start donating.

"We are all pretty nervous but excited about it as well. I wouldn't have thought about doing anything like this before the accident happened.

"It's lovely that my colleagues are doing it too. When everyone heard about it, they wanted to do something."

To donate to the Children's Trust visit [www.justgiving.com/portmoredentalskydive3](http://www.justgiving.com/portmoredentalskydive3)

The skydive is due to take place on April 27 in Wiltshire.



Portmore Dental Practice staff Emma Faircloth, Marguerite Kelly, Eben Van Der Walt, Naomi Maynard and Katie Frith who are doing a skydive for charity. Picture: Darren Pepe. (Ref: H1131345\_3)