



IMPACT REPORT

2025

WELCOME FROM OUR FOUNDER

For over nine years, Leeds Baby Bank has existed with the mission of making sure no child goes without. We do this by supporting families in Leeds, with children aged 0-5 years, who are experiencing poverty.

During this time, poverty has risen in our city and so has demand for our services. But with you, we have risen to the challenge, ever increasing the number of families we reach.

2025 was a big year for Leeds Baby Bank, marking a move to a bigger home and the opportunity to make even more difference to our families.

If you have ever donated baby items, raised funds, referred to us, volunteered your time, received support, helped spread the word on social media – you are part of our community and you make the difference.

Thank you.

Chantal Nogbou Founder & Co-Chair, Leeds Baby Bank



MAKING SURE NO CHILD GOES WITHOUT

WHY WE EXIST

Poverty in Leeds is a real issue, affecting the day to day lives of families, including families with babies and very young children.

The latest research shows 34.6% of babies, children and young people in Leeds were living in relative poverty.

**That's nearly 63,000 children
Or more than 1 in 3 of all children.**

In South Leeds over half of children were living in poverty, while in the areas of Leeds East and Leeds Central over 43% of children were living in poverty.

Leeds had the 62nd highest level of child poverty of the 361 Local Authorities in the UK.

Behind these statistics are real children who are more likely to face a wide range of difficulties, now and in their future.

A child experiencing poverty is more likely to grow up having

- poorer mental and physical health
- a shorter life expectancy
- lower educational attainment
- and lower paid, insecure work.



HOW WE HELPED IN 2025

In 2025 we supported families by providing them with all the essential items and equipment they need for their babies and young children.

1,291 families were referred to Leeds Baby Bank by our professional referral partners, including midwives, social workers, homelessness charities and organisations supporting refugees and asylum seekers. This ensured we were helped families who needed it most.

Pre-loved items were donated to Leeds Baby Bank and matched to families who need them. Demand outstrips supply of pre-loved items, so we also use donations to buy new items.

The items families referred to Leeds Baby Bank need most for their child are:

- Somewhere to sleep - a moses basket, cot or cot bed. We ALWAYS provide a new mattress.
- Something to travel - a pram, pushchair or tandem travel buggy.

In 2025, we paused our Outreach services to review how we can better provide help for families which addresses the underlying challenges they face through engagement, understanding and signposting.



***“Every baby deserves a safe sleep environment,
and charities like Leeds Baby Bank are vital in
helping make this possible.”***

Gemma Gunter, Senior Practitioner, The Twins Trust

THE IMPACT WE HAD IN 2025



1,291
families
supported



2,582
children
supported



1,512
referrals
received



113,201
items gifted



56,214
nappies



42,335
items of clothing



3,374
toiletries



158
safety gates



3,225
Toys



1,948
blankets
and sheets



617
pushchairs and
prams



659
cots and Moses
baskets



126
high chairs

IMPACT ON CHILDREN'S EARLY YEARS

At Leeds Baby Bank, we recognise that the earliest years of a child's life are critical in shaping their future health, development and life chances.

Every day, we see the impact that poverty and inequality can have on families during this crucial period. By providing essential items and a supportive, dignified experience for parents, we are helping to ensure that children in Leeds have the best possible start in life.

Our work contributes to the wider ambition across the city to strengthen families, reduce inequalities, and give every child the opportunity to grow up safe, healthy and able to thrive.

Faye Freeman

Co-Chair, Treasurer and safeguarding lead at Leeds Baby Bank



"What your charity does is nothing short of incredible and I am so grateful that I am able to offer our clients family support through the services you provide."

Referring professional

2025 – THE BIG MOVE

After seven years at The St John's Centre in Leeds city centre, 2025 was the year we moved into our own dedicated premises to respond to the growing demand for our services.

Six months of gruelling work by Leeds Building Services and their suppliers turned a dilapidated former tile shop in Wortley into a new warehouse and Community Hub.

If you were involved in the work, gave time, building materials, your staff or company's services - thank you. The incredible transformation is testament to your hard work and will help families in poverty for years to come.

Our new space includes:

- Six times as much warehouse space for storing pre-loved items and expanding our services.
- Better facilities for staff and volunteers, including a rest area and donation sorting area.
- One-to-one rooms for private consultations with families.
- Two large community rooms - with exciting plans for 2026!



THANK YOU

- **LEEDS BUILDING SERVICES OF LEEDS CITY COUNCIL**, *especially Amanda Douglas-Smith, Craig Simpson & Elliot Flesher, all their suppliers, contractors and contacts who helped with services or materials*
- **ALDRIDGE SECURITY LIMITED AND GEMMA LEADBEATER** • **ASPECTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS AND STUART WOOD**
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- **HSBC** • **BRITISH GAS / CENTRICA** • **ST JOHN CENTRE** • **CDUK LTD ANDY NOBLE**
- **ADVENT DEVELOPMENT TIM REEVES** • **SQUIRES, GEORGE HOLDEN & REBECCA NOBLE**
- **MEARS GROUP, NICOLA BERRY & NEIL WEBSTER** • **MERCADOS, JOHN CLARK & MEL HANDFORTH**
- **And all the supporters Leeds Baby Bank who stepped-up to help with our ambitious big refurbishment:**



NO CHILD GOES WITHOUT

OUR PEOPLE

Our **small staff team** of five ensured the smooth running of the charity in 2025, including the move to new premises and changes in how we deliver our services.

As ever, our work was powered by over **30 dedicated volunteers**, whose commitment allowed us to sort, prepare, and deliver items to families with speed and dignity.

Visiting teams of **corporate volunteers**, from companies including HSBC, First Direct, Aviva, Direct Line and Lloyds Banking Group, lent their manpower and enthusiasm - especially valuable in our move.

And our volunteer **Board of Trustees** gave their time and knowledge to ensure the safe and effective governance of our growing charity.

“Volunteering gives me a chance to give back to the service that once supported me. It also helps me learn vital skills for work and gives me a few hours away from my child to build confidence and independence.”

Luci, volunteer and former

beneficiary

Interested in volunteering for Leeds Baby Bank?

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