

# Baby Charlie is given more time

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The parents of the terminally ill baby Charlie Gard have been given more time before his life support is switched off.

Chris Gard and Connie Yates wanted ten-month-old Charlie, who has a rare genetic condition and

brain damage, to undergo a therapy trial in the US. Great Ormond Street hospital had said the therapy would not help and that Charlie should be allowed to die.

This week his parents lost their final appeal against the decision at the European Court of Human

Rights. The couple had been told that Charlie's life support would be switched off yesterday, but the hospital said that it was working on plans for the baby's care and to give his family more time with him.

His parents had criticised doctors for refusing to let him die at home.

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