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SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS

SPINA BIFIDA - Spina bifida means 'split spine'. The backbone usually provides a protective tube of bones with the nerves (spinal cord) running down the middle. In spina bifida, the bones do not close round the spinal cord and the nerves can bulge out on the unborn baby's back and become damaged. This happens very early on in pregnancy – often before the woman even knows she is pregnant.

HYDROCEPHALUS - Hydrocephalus involves accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) in the ventricles of the brain, with an increase in the pressure inside the head. Because of the areas of the brain most affected, functions associated with thought and learning, as well as with coordinated skilled movement begin to deteriorate.

SHINE (the new name for the association for spina bifida and hydrocephalus) **Telephone: 01733 555988**
Europe's largest organisation dedicated to supporting individuals and families as they face the challenges arising from spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

Website: www.shinecharity.org.uk

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