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was the moment when **Tommy-Ray** graduated from his STARband helmet treatment. Due to the severity of Tommy-Ray's head shape, his age and the fact his flatness was worsening rather than improving, Tommy-Ray's parents made the decision to visit Steeper Clinic and have the STARband helmet treatment. After six months of wearing his helmet, Tommy-Ray's head shape had changed more than his parents had ever believed and now as a recent helmet graduate he is continuing to fly through his milestones.





Case Study Tommy-Ray Lamb

“We have met some lovely families along the way, and we wish all the babies currently going through treatment at Steeper Clinic all the very best.”

The story

When Tommy-Ray was just 3 months old, his parents noticed a change in his head shape, it was a little flat at the back. Concerned, his parents spoke to the health visitor who advised that his head would be fine and would eventually correct itself, this did not stop them worrying and instead they tried everything to help reduce the pressure on his flat spot.

Once Tommy-Ray began to hold himself upright, his parents noticed his head always dropped to one side, they used toys and played games to encourage him to turn his head but he continued to struggle and after speaking to his paediatrician, Tommy-Ray was diagnosed with torticollis (tight neck muscles) and as a result he was also diagnosed with Brachycephaly (Flat Head Syndrome).

The solution

Whilst researching Tommy-Ray's condition his parents came across a lot of advice from UK professionals simply stating the flatness would correct itself before Tommy-Ray reached two years old and consequently, there is no treatment available on the NHS. They also came across a lot of parents who had followed this advice but saw no improvement, instead wishing they could turn back the clock and choose treatment.

After a lot of internet research, his parents came across Steeper Clinic and knew right away that they needed to book an appointment. At his first appointment, Tommy-Ray's parents were informed that due to him being 6 months old they were unlikely to see any improvements from repositioning alone and were recommended

the STARband helmet treatment to begin as soon as possible. Due to the severity of Tommy-Ray's head shape, his age and the fact his condition was worsening rather than improving, his parents knew, without a doubt they needed to go ahead with treatment.

The turning point

“On the day of the helmet fitting we were so nervous that we were going to be upset seeing our baby in the helmet, but all we felt was overwhelming relief, knowing that we were doing the right thing for our son.”

Since that day, neither his parents nor Tommy-Ray have looked back. Tommy-Ray managed the transition into his helmet exceptionally well, he slept all night and on his first night sleeping in the helmet he began to roll and sleep on his side, something that he had never done before as he found it too difficult to roll with his head being so flat at the back.

After only 10 days, there was a significant improvement in Tommy-Ray's head shape, the flatness was reducing and whilst it is not about perfection, the improvements have been more than noticeable.

Overall, Tommy-Ray's treatment lasted 6 months and although this seems like a long time, it flew by quickly. His parents have no regret about opting for the STARband and say they would 100% make the same decision again. Since graduating from his helmet treatment, Tommy-Ray has been doing very well and is continuing to fly through his milestones!

To find out more about Tommy-Ray visit www.steeperclinic.com