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FIND IT INCREDIBLE THAT I HAVE
TO PAY 1/2 WEEKS MONEY BACK TO
THE GOVERNMENT JUST TO WATCH TV.

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DONT BUY A LICENCE I WILL
BE MADE A CRIMINAL

AS FAR AS IM CONCERNED THE
BBC IS POOR VALUE FOR MONEY.
AND WASTES MILLIONS OF POUNDS

Boyd Bennett



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We look forward to hearing from you by
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NEARLY 3,000 babies a year are diagnosed with the terrifying birth defect that struck tiny James.

CDH - Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia - happens when the diaphragm does not fully form. That allows organs to enter the chest cavity and prevent lung growth.

There is no "normal" recovery time. But usually the longer a tot takes to get better - as in James's case - the more severe the condition is.

Cherubs, a support group for families of CDH youngsters, says: "Every child is different. But even after surgery some babies don't survive."

Patch

Sister Morag Liddell, a neonatal surgery co-ordinator, said: "The bigger the defect the chances are there has been more pressure on the chest and the lungs will be smaller than usual."

She explained that for babies with a very big defect surgeons put a patch into the diaphragm.

Sister Lidell added: "The time in hospital can range from three weeks for the very simple cases to over a year for some really sick babies." Breathing and feeding problems can extend the time in hospital.

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ed to share the
co-stars Kacey,
Little Mo, and
r Kat.

Tallulah Lilac

in November and Kacey had Blossom
in May last year. A friend of Elaine
said: "It is gutting for her to have to
see all the happy photos of those two
with their babies while James is still
hooked up to machines in hospital."

Elaine broke off from her vigil last
night to say: "James is still in hospi-
tal. He is doing fine."

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