



Even before she was born on 4 November 2001, Phoebe Jane Dunn's life was being documented. Her first public appearance was recorded via ultrasound, whilst she was still in the womb. Since her arrival, she has continued to generate a series of family and official records — from the mark of her footprint on paper to her immunisation documents. All her vital signs. Phoebe Jane Dunn: daughter, sister, grandchild, citizen.

As one of the State's newest citizens, Phoebe makes a perfect subject for the cover of the first issue of *Vital Signs* — the new magazine published by State Records. Each issue will explore the different ways in which the lives of citizens and their interaction with Government have been documented in the past and will be documented for the future. *Vital Signs* will also highlight interesting ways in which these records are being interpreted in the present. Welcome to issue #1.

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