

TRANSCRIPT: Luke's role in the family

He can be really funny. We play loads of little games. He has a game of football every now and then when I'm out in the garden playing with the football. He just loves going out on his bike with me and my dad, or in his wheelchair. I'll run with the wheelchair, make him go fast. He loves that.

Independence is a key thing for anybody and I may have been able to pick it up a lot sooner because of the circumstances with Marley.

I'm now 21 so, 'cause my dad can't always be there being working and stuff, if Marley's ill at home I can help out my parents. If he's having a fit, mum can't lift him, you know, because he becomes really heavy and it means that I have to step up.

You try and help Marley do things but he's, like, really stubborn. He sees that as, like, a threat so he'll just have a go at you and then want to do it all by himself. He doesn't really have any fear. He'll find a way of getting onto work surfaces to get to top cupboards.

I have to look after him if we're going out as a family and Dad's not there. I've become, sort of, not like a brother figure but more of a like a father figure - make sure he doesn't get in trouble, stays out of peoples ways, and also make sure he's enjoying himself as well.