

## **TRANSCRIPT: Diagnosis**

I researched on the net in the end and I'd pulled some of the information off the net and it said, out of the 14 signs, if you've got ten of those those you are more than likely to have Foetal Alcohol Syndrome, and Jade had thirteen-and-a half out of the fourteen. So, I went to the GP and said, 'I think she's got Foetal Alcohol Syndrome'.

And somebody from the medical profession said to me, 'I want you to do me a favour. I want you to leave Jade with me and I want you to walk out that door and never come back because you'll have a life of hell with a child with this disability'. And that made me think, 'No, I'm not gonna do that', and it really, really made me dig my heels in and I realised then that I was going to have a fight on my hands and we have, we've had a fight for ten years. Not just with Jade, but with people who are supposed to understand her disability but don't, because for all her life we've fought like hell, really, to get everything done for her and to maximise her options and to maximise her life.