

TRANSCRIPT: Early concerns

Jade came to us when she was five. She was removed from her mum at about a year old, had five or six different carers in foster care. Then she went for adoption at three and the adopters couldn't bond with her and, tragically, Jade was turned back to care. So her second rejection in life came at three. She then spent two years with them trying to find out why Jade acted as she did and then they found out that it was attachment problems. And so we had her at five, but very quickly we learnt it wasn't just attachment. I'd fostered loads of children before and I knew that Jade's behaviour was not as I would expect a child going through all the situation that she'd been through and I knew there was a piece of the jigsaw missing and I couldn't quite put my finger on it at that time. I went to the GP. I spoke to social services and they told us, 'All she needs is a mummy and daddy who will love her forever and then a magic wand will come and she'll be cured', and we, naively believed that and wanted to believe it, so we believed it, and it just didn't happen.