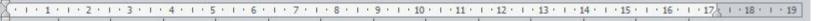


HEALTH

A Mother's Perspective





Medical Students Teaching Programme: Learning Disabilities

MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2012

Students need to arrive at **The Hickling Suite**, **Brandon MHU**, **LGH** for 9.15am please: the venue for the day's programme

9.30am -10.15am Concepts and Causes of Learning Disability

Dr R Kiani (Consultant Psychiatrist Learning Disability)

10.15am-11.00am Kylie's ideas

11.00 am-11.15am Coffee break

11.15am - 12.15pm Health related stories' - Ros (Kylie's Mum)

12.15pm-1.30pm Lunch

1.30pm-2.30pm Autism Spectrum Disorder

Dr A Hiremath (Consultant in Learning Disability)

Birth – the good and the bad

- Birth
 - Good the paediatrician (baby doctor)
 - He was kind and thoughtful and supported me. He fully accepted that she had the right to a chance to live

Bad – the paediatric (baby) surgeon

Birth issues

Kylie was born with a duodenal atresia,

You can't live with this,

An operation must be done right away,

The paediatric surgeon came to see me and said



Aged two days

"Are you sure you want me to operate?

You do know she has Down's Syndrome and will live if I do?"





Aged 7 – Halloween time



Noddy – aged 6

Before knee

problems



Aged 9 – with baby chimp

The heart doctor

 Asked me to leave the room

 His reason? I would be distressed

What about Kylie?



Aged 10 months

I refused to go

A GP

- We went for a childhood illness reason
- After dealing with the problem he said to me:
- "She's a mongol isn't she?
 She seems quite bright have you considered plastic surgery?"



Excited!! First day at school Aged 4 and three quarters

Another GP

- Clinical symptoms
- Family history of hyperthyroidism
- Thyroid issues and Down's Syndrome
- "Children with Down's Syndrome don't have overactive thyroids"



Aged 13

Kylie aged 13 – just before her thyroid went into overdrive



What happened

- Thyroid count of 288
- Leaky valve in her heart
- Fatty deposits behind eyes which still cause problems
- Thicker neck
- Thyroid burned out
- Thyroxine medication for life



In Africa - Aged 9

Barriers – TIME

- People with learning disabilities need more time than other people
- Kylie and pain reactions a measurable delay
- Understanding and time
- Waiting in crowded places for a long time



Aged 18 months

Families matter



Kylie

