

Transcript: *coping with the diagnosis*

“The first time we heard about diabetes and what it was going to be like for our family it was really scary and we were quite upset by it, weren’t we?”

“yeah”

“And.. .but we went through a process, a process of I guess you call it grieving, because that’s, you know, we were grieving for all sort of things, for Molly but also the change in our family dynamics and how it was going to affect everyone. But a year later we’ve all dealt with it really well. There’s a really good support network out there and the nurses and the doctors at the Starship just use them, utilize them, because they do make a huge difference.

And the only thing I can suggest to new parents is just take one day at a time, every day’s going to be slightly different and you’re going to have different things that pop up that you wonder what on earth’s going on, and just be quite organized, because every time you leave the house you have to know, you know, that your child is going to be okay out there.

Leaving them with people as well, that’s quite a big emotional thing to have to do when they go back to school or you leave them with, they go to sleepovers or friends, just be really open about you know, what it is that your child’s dealing with and how you need to, what you need to be aware of but eventually they get, everyone’s on board and we’ve had no problems have we?”

“No”