

## **Transcript: *the intial diagnosis***

“Kayne’s two, and how old was he when he got diabetes?”

“He was 16 months when he was first diagnosed.”

“And thinking back to when he first got diabetes, how did you guys feel and what sort of things were the hardest.”

“I remember the first reaction... the doctor came into the room and told us that all the signs led to him most probably being type I diabetic.”

“Was that a big shock?”

“For me it was. I cried”

“I had read about it a little bit and I knew he had to live on injections, that’s all, but I didn’t know the full extent of it.”

“How did you feel when Henry was diagnosed?”

“Well I think a typical response of shocked, really shocked, especially because we took him to the GP on an unrelated matter to do with his little brother so then to walk out with a diagnosis for the other child was quite a shock.

It was incredibly stressful because from the GP office it was, you can’t go home to even get a bag. You know, like we don’t know how long he’s had diabetes for so you need to go straight into hospital and the urgency of it didn’t really sink in until later on you know.”

“When I heard the news I knew there was something wrong with him but I couldn’t put my finger on it. I had a suspicion it might be a diabetic but I couldn’t get the symptoms out. But the first phone call, they called me at work and say, he couldn’t explain it to me but my dad, I said get your poppa on the phone and my dad was the one who explained it to me.

He said he had to be admitted at the hospital and he’s got this diabetic 1. He said to me you carry on working and I’ll take care of Matthew. And then after I finished that phone, that huge thing, it was just like the whole world just dropped on me, it was just a big shock.”