

**TRANSCRIPT FOR JAPANESE SYMPOSIUM**  
**BY UK FAMILIES AFFECTED BY HPV VACCINATION**  
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I am chair of our UK Association of HPV Vaccine Injured Daughters. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to speak to your symposium. The HPV vaccines are causing so much harm to so many young girls throughout the world. We must all stand together to save our children. We extend the hand of friendship to you in Japan and we will work with you to try and prevent other young lives from being harmed. Please listen to the following recordings from a few of our parents and young people who wish to share with you their experiences. Our young girls like those in Japan have been seriously harmed by either Cervarix or Gardasil. We must work together to try and find a way to get our daughters healed and join together to raise awareness worldwide of the dangers of the HPV vaccine.

**AMANDA DEW, Mother of BRODIE**

Hello my name is Amanda and I'm from Suffolk in England. I'm also a member of the UK Association of HPV Injured Daughters. My daughter was a very fit and healthy 16 year old. After the first Gardasil vaccine she seemed absolutely fine. Then in January this year she had her second vaccine. 8 weeks later she suffered a seizure at school. She had a minute and a half where she lost consciousness and had full tonic-clonic convulsions. She was rushed to hospital; the neurologist said that actually it was just 'a perfect storm', one of those things that happen every now and again and it wouldn't happen again. Unfortunately a few weeks later she had her second seizure. Brain scans revealed nothing. We were told that actually she now has epilepsy. Brodie will be on anti-convulsants for the next 5 years minimum; possibly for the rest of her life. However, we were told that perhaps this was caused by a birth defect although we can find no reason for that.

In addition to the seizures there have been other symptoms that my daughter has suffered from, such as hand tremours, excessive sweating, cognitive dysfunction, memory loss, losing the thread of sentences, lack of motivation and concentration, which has really impacted on her studying. Also she has anxiety when she is with crowds of people.

And so we just call on every Government in every country to start doing the research and to suspend this vaccine at the very least until all the research has been done and it's made safe. Thank you for listening.

## **LOIS FELDMAN, mother of TEAGAN**

Hi, my name is Lois Feldman. My daughter Teagan had the first Cervarix HPV in November 2011 and had a reaction requiring her to be given an Epi pen and to have the next jab at an immunisation centre in the early part of 2012. By September 2012 Teagan started to have joint pain and by that December she was admitted to the local hospital for a week as she was unable to walk. None of the doctors knew what was wrong with her, but a rheumatologist took her case on and she was diagnosed with HLAB-27 positive and pre-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis. She was also diagnosed Vitamin D deficient, having hypermobility, and also suffering from fibromyalgia. By 2014, food allergies had crept in, unable to tolerate wheat, egg, potato, milk and soya. She saw a gastro doctor who did an endoscopy to test for celiac, but this was done whilst she was gluten-free so the correct reading was not given. To date Teagan still cannot tolerate gluten or potato, and the gastro team have now also diagnosed her with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, as she currently sees a psychologist twice a month there.

Teagan, as you can imagine, gets very depressed sometimes, and in the past has self-harmed. This has had a terrible effect on her education as before this she attended school full time and her attendance was very good. In 2012 to 2014 her attendance dropped considerably and she had to have extra help. She is now in sixth form and her school has been fantastic, ensuring that she has a rest period in between each lesson and can have a lie-down if necessary. As you can imagine this has had a detrimental effect on the whole family, as before this Teagan was an active and happy teenager. But now there are days when Teagan needs assistance to put her clothes on or even get out of bed. Thank you.

## **ROSIE WEATHERHEAD**

Hiya, my name is Rosie Weatherhead and I'm 20 years old from Surrey. I was a very sporty girl, I was playing competitive netball, football, swimming. You name it I was doing it at a very high level. My first injection was in 2008 in October and since then my life completely changed. I came home in tears with joint pain and I didn't know what was happening because my non-identical twin sister was fine, she just had local arm pain. Me and my mum just put it down to sports injuries as I was always getting injured from the amount I had done. My second injection was in the November and again more of the same happened. But this time I had even more aches and pains all over my body. I was too ill to have the third injection so I didn't have that but we still didn't realise what had caused it; I had just been advised not to have the injection. That was in the November. By the March I was too poorly to even walk. I woke up one day and my joints were just so sore and so achey and I was just so tired that I couldn't walk. I had many appointments from all different hospitals, including Great Ormond Street Hospital, which is the kids' hospital in London and I got finally diagnosed with ME/CFS.

I finally had to drop out of school for about 6 months before making a gradual return with the help of physiotherapists and occupational therapists, where I gradually built up to come in for no more than a few hours a day. I now manage my condition but even with that and all the experience, I am unable to do the beloved sports that I want to do anything more in the world. Every day I struggle with muscle pain, muscle ache, joint ache, headache, sore throat, nausea. All of these symptoms

that no-one seems to realise. I just wish that I knew then what I know now. And that you can be affected long term by the ca Cervarix cancer injection. Thank you for listening.

### **STEVE HINKS, Father of LUCY**

Hello. Our daughter Lucy, had 3 doses of Cervarix. The first two doses were given in October and November 2010. The reactions were relatively minor; flu-like symptoms, headaches, tiredness and aching joints. They were not recognised as adverse reactions. The third dose was given in May 2011 and immediately the symptoms returned but each day they got worse until after 8 weeks she collapsed, completely exhausted with no explanation. Day time sleeping also increased until she was sleeping 23 hours each day. The doctors could find nothing wrong. They suspected brain tumour, encephalitis and leukaemia. But all tests were negative. She was in hospital and the doctor told her "There is nothing wrong with you, it is all in your head. You must push yourself". How could she say this when she had constant headache and could not stay awake?

In September 2011 she went into a coma-like sleep and never opened her eyes and couldn't speak. We managed to spoon-feed liquidised food, whilst she was barely semi-conscious. This lasted 3 months. Throughout 2012 and 2013 she made a slow recovery, but kept relapsing. There was constant pain and sleeping. Then in 2014 we had great difficulty to awaken her. She would never wake up, but we persisted and it would take at least one hour on each occasion, 3 or 4 times each day to waken her. This went on for 18 months. In July 2015 this improved and now she can awaken herself, and only sleeps about 12 hours each day. But we are waiting for the next relapse.

Thank you.

### **ELLEN BERRY-MCINTOSH**

Hi, I'm Ellen. In 2010 I had the HPV vaccine. I got virus after virus and I never recovered from that. I barely got through school, I didn't get into the sixth form I wanted to, because by that time I was using a wheelchair whenever I left the house. I did go to college. I didn't get the exact grades I wanted to and I did most of the work from home, but now I have had to defer my university place for a year and I have had to stop doing a lot of the things I love doing. I have had to stop swimming and doing sports. I had to stop doing charity running events and I haven't done a lot of the other things I had planned to be doing by this time. Everything has changed now...