

Had problems with Aaron when he was roughly just over a year old, probably not related but makes you wonder, he had an aggression problem, used to fling into a temper at the slightest thing, tried changing his juice to a pure sugar one as we thought his moods was due to the sweeteners etc in his drinks, he then started going to a special needs group as his temper got so bad as needed some space from him.

His teeth also started to rot, he had to go in twice to get his teeth out in the hospital as they were so bad, at this time he was drinking pints of milk a night, as first time parents this didn't click, thought this was normal, dentist accused us of being bad parents, why did we let him eats loads of sweets, we didn't! Also started wetting the bed more, sleeping on the couch throughout the day, again none of this clicked as being a problem as we had nothing to compare it too, and at this point didn't even know diabetes could affect kids.

The second time that he got his teeth out he was 18 months old and started looking peaky, he also went through losing his granddad a few months later to cancer, they were very close and he was heartbroken.

Anyway another 6 months passed and he steadily got worse, noticed he would be harder to wake up, he would fall down the stairs, still drinking loads, my mum was concerned at this point as her being an ex-staff nurse she knew the symptoms, she went to the doctors and diabetes was brought up and the doctor said then that if we were thinking of that then don't, diabetes in kids is very rare and especially at such a young age, didn't even ask to see Aaron, so kept a close eye on Aaron to see how he was.

Didn't get any better, and on the day that I will always remember the rest of life was the day that Aaron just wouldn't wake up, can still remember carrying him into the doctors and getting no response whatsoever, doctor took one look at him and saw him asap, we told him his symptoms and he managed to get his sugar tested and it was high, went so fast after this, rushed to hospital, straight onto a drip, and stayed in for over a week, didn't have a great consultant then at the hospital.

I cant believe just how close we came to losing Aaron, every time I think back I get the shivers, to what I know now to what I knew then, I just cant believe I missed all the signs, he was in and out the hospital for the whole year, he stopped eating so had to be admitted into hospital and want allowed to leave until the doctor had seen him eat, this was under doctor Van Ijperen, who was and still is fantastic with him.