

Aidan was 4 when he was diagnosed .He had had chicken pox in August then in October his MMR.

He was in reception half days and although we only live 10mins walk from school he started complaining he was too tired to walk home. Then once home he would drink so much in fact he then started to wet the bed and I just put it down to the fact that he was drinking to much .I told him he could only have water from now on thinking he would stop drinking so much but he just drunk the same amount .

About 2 weeks later my mother came to visit us from Wales and she suggested diabetes, my husband then said his mother's sister's son had diabetes (type 1).

I had a baby book with illnesses in so I looked up diabetes and it was all there .I smelt his breath and it smelt of pear drops and then all of a sudden he looked so thin ,I had not noticed before .

The next day (December 10th) I took a urine sample to our Dr's and asked them to test for diabetes .That afternoon they rang us to ask if we could bring Aidan to the Dr's .Once there they checked his blood which read HI the Dr then told us to get to the hospital as fast as possible and that he had spoken to the paediatrician who was expecting us.

Once at the hospital I gave our letter to the receptionist who read it and then told us to take a seat .I was in shock, our Dr had just told us we had a child who could at any moment go into a coma and she was telling us to take a seat.

Aidan then started going mad wanting a drink, I did not have a clue that I should not give him sugar as I did not know anything about Type 1 diabetes so I bought him a caprisun aahhhh

When I look back I can not believe how stupid I was.

We waited about 20 Min's to see a paediatrician .The next few hours was like a horror movie .The paediatrician wanted to get a drip into Aidans hand but he could not get Aidan to stop screaming ,we were all in tears and very scared

including our eldest who at the time was 8 .The treatment and care Aidan got from the minute we arrived at the Hospital was awful .Once he was admitted to the children's ward though his care improved but he was very traumatised from it all .Looking back we should of put in a complaint but we were just glad he was alive .