

Case study:

Dawn Smith





Meet Dawn

Harry-James Kirkham, 15, was tragically killed in an accident while crossing the road. His parents took the decision to donate Harry-James' organs.

For Harry-James' Mum, Dawn, the decision to donate Harry-James' organs was made in an instant.

Even in that moment of overwhelming grief, Dawn was sure this was the right thing to do and something that Harry-James would have wanted.

Harry-James was cheeky, funny, loving, loyal and a friend to all. Even though he is not here anymore, Dawn feels like he is living on in some way, through the people whose lives have been saved or improved.

This is a great source of comfort for Dawn and the rest of the family. She has even had a conversation about organ donation with Harry-James' younger siblings, who have said that it's something they would also want to do.

To find out more about Dawn and Harry-James' story watch the film at nhsbt.nhs.uk/teaching-resources