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CASE STUDY - CLAIRE

Jill Williams

Where we all make a difference

- Claire (aged 21) attended the dental hospital with toothache
- Autistic with a mental age of 10
- Mum is her main carer (positive-Sept 2016)
- Had oral thrush and dentist suggested a HIV test

- Consented with Mum to testing
- Needle phobic and bloods obtained whilst under GA when having teeth extracted
- Diagnosed HIV positive Aug 2017, CD4 160(8%) and HIV V.L - 124 430 copies/m
- Introduced to 2 members of the team (Helen and Eimear)
- Commenced on Triumeq which can be crushed

- Switched to dolutegravir (tablet) and lamivudine and abacavir liquid
- HIV V.L <30 and CD4 200 (8%) Nov 2017
- Took more than 6 months to start having eye contact
- Carly eventually smiled in consultation but did not speak for 12 months

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Thank you.

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