

Kelvin's Story, told by his mother Diane

"Kelvin has ADHD, and he had been diagnosed with social anxiety as well, so he finds it difficult to mix with people. He couldn't deal with going to school, so he lost a year of school. He wasn't doing anything. He wasn't seeing anyone. He was just in his bedroom all the time. He didn't have a lot to do in life, to be honest.

The Project has made him feel more like a person, more accepted. He feels now that "people do accept me" because he was feeling rejected every time. In every situation he encountered he felt rejected.

College is better for him than school. It's going to be a different experience, and that's what it all was, and he's found that out for himself now, and he's very happy there, very happy.

I didn't know where to go or what to do with him. So the project was doing all that: talking to him, taking him there, sorting out his EMA, sorting out his bus pass.

He's catching up with his maths and things. He's learning cookery. He's learning how to understand other people with difficulties. They do teamwork. He does.. They do little tasters with mechanics and things.

Everything is excellent with him. Everything. His attitude. He's never late. He always turns up. Always does his work. He's getting on well with other children. His understanding of other children is improving.

With this Project it's not just Kelvin you've helped. You've helped the whole family. We're back as a family now, in a matter of months.

The help that Kelvin has had has helped us all as a family, all four of us, to get back together. It has taken so much pressure off our shoulders as a family to help him to move forward. It's just been amazing, amazing."