

Case Study Four - Jodie

Jodie is an 11 year old Black African female. Her Dad is a teacher and her mum works for a local children's hospice. Jodie had 2 siblings and is known as a fun-loving girl. Jodie wears a hearing aid and has done since she was 3 years old. It doesn't really cause her any problems but she is starting to feel a bit self-conscious about it.

Jodie meets all of her expected targets at school and is working towards her year 6 SATS exams. She loves dancing, singing and listening to music. Earlier in the year her dad took her to her first concert. Jodie was looking forward to starting secondary school in six-month's time, but didn't get into her first choice school. She is now worrying about making friends as her best friends are going to a different school.

Jodie's pet hamster recently died. Her parents thought she had handled it really well and it didn't seem to cause her any problem. However she has suddenly become really teary over the hamster.

Yesterday, whilst cleaning Jodie's room, her mum came across a journal with lots of song lyrics and pictures relating to suicide. Mum is shocked as this is so unlike Jodie.

