Dying to be cool transcript

Fiona Gosling, Cameron’s mother: “He was a little comedian, you know, we called him our little Lee Evans because if you walked into a room, he’d have you in fits. He didn’t like to see people left out, you know, anyone who wanted help, he’d be there for them, he was a very people person.

“So he had a sandwich and away he went, never said anything other than they’re going to the skate park.”

Matty Wraith: “He was like oh we going down the river, so I was like yeah, sound, that’s class that because I wanted to go swimming and then we decided the river, so I went down with them. I met them all at the skate park and we decided to go down there.”

Laura Cowan: “It was really nice weather when we were walking down. It was like, it’s a good memory to have in my head I suppose.”

Fiona: “Something just didn’t sit right and as I was driving down to, to the shop, I drove passed it and then my phone went. So I pulled up and I pulled up outside of the church and the text that my son, someone had sent is, had said Cameron’s jumped in the river, he hasn’t come back up and we can’t find him.”

Matty: “Whey I jumped in after him, erm, it was me, Darren and Kane who jumped in and we both like we’re in the current and Darren and Kane got like swept away and they managed to grab hold of him and then I was with them and we went under a canny few times and then just went.”

Fiona: “I had to go identify him and eh, yep, and that was the day.”

Clr Joy Allen Cabinet member for safer communities: “Cold water shock sort of affects the body with the erm blood vessels so they start to close and the heart begins to pump really hard. You begin to panic erm, which means you’re taking water and I think your body just sort of goes into that sort of shock, erm, that can actually cause you to drown.”

Fiona: “Don’t just jump in. If you’re going to go in, start with your feet acclimatise your bodies, get it ready because you just never know.”

Matty: “You know what I mean you miss him loads, just want him to be there you know what I mean.”

Fiona: “Learning to live without one of your kids, it shouldn’t be this way at all. It shouldn’t, it shouldn’t happen and had I known about it, I could have taught him about it myself, then maybe he wouldn’t have done what he done.”