

Dying to be cool: Cameron's story – video transcript

[At the top left a Durham County Council logo followed by the text 'Dying to be cool – Cameron's story' is displayed. Both are visible throughout the video.]

[Fiona Gosling, Cameron's mother speaks]

[As Fiona speaks a series of photographs showing Cameron as a very young boy and as he grew older are played full screen.]

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, anybody wanted help, he'd be there for them, he was a very people person.

[Sound of the river]

[Text overlaid onto a video close-up of moving river water which reads:]

On 5 July 2015, 14-year-old Cameron Gosling went swimming with friends in the River Wear near Bishop Auckland.

[The following interviews are head and shoulders framed shots, with the river and far riverbank in the background. The sound of the river can be heard during the interviews.]

[Fiona Gosling]

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

[Matty Wraith aged 13]

He was like oh we're going down to the river, so I was like yeah, sound, that's class that because I was wanting to go swimming and then we decided the river, so [pause...] I went down with them. I met them all at the skate park and then we decided to go down there.

[Laura Cowan, aged 14]

It was really nice weather when we were walking down. It was like, [pause...] it's a good memory to have in my head I suppose.

[The video shows a view of the riverbanks and the moving river. Text is overlaid which reads]

While his friends paddled in the river, Cameron jumped in.

[Fiona Gosling]

Something just didn't sit right [puzzled expression] and as I was driving down to, the, the shop, I drove past 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 us, had said Cameron's jumped in the river, he hasn't come back up and we can't find him.

[Matty Wraith]

[Looking down] Whey, I jumped in after him, erm, it was me, Darren and Kane who jumped in and we both like were in the current and Darren and Kane got like swept away and they managed to grab a hold of him and then I was with them and we went under a canny few times and then just went. [looking sad]

[Fiona Gosling]

I had to go identify him and err, yep [expression changes, very emotional and long pause...] and that was the day.

[Louder sound of the river]

[Text overlaid onto a video close-up of moving river water which reads]

On 9 November 2015, an inquest heard that Cameron died from water immersion, also known as cold water shock.

[Head and shoulders video with the river and far riverbank in the background, interspersed with close-ups of the fast moving river water going over stones]

[Councillor Lucy Hovvels, Cabinet member Community Safety.]

[Cllr Lucy Hovvels]

Your blood vessels will start to reduce and create problems for you. Your heart will start to [pause...] have to work overtime and it'll be pumping harder and faster. You'll go into a shock and a panic. You'll be in the water trying to come up for air. Your body will be filling up with the water which can cause you to drown.

[Head and shoulders video with the river and far riverbank in the background]

[Fiona Gosling]

[Said with concern and stresses as she says it] 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.

[Video shows a photograph of Cameron looking very smart, with a tidy, short styled haircut and in his school uniform.]

[Matty Wraith]

You know like you miss him loads, just want him to be there, you know what I mean.

[Fiona Gosling]

Learning to live without one of your kids, it shouldn't be this way [expression changes, pause...] 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.

[Video shows a head and shoulders photograph of Cameron looking left with a serious expression and wearing casual clothing.]

[Text below the image reads]

Cameron Gosling

22 September 2000 to 5 July 2015

[The next image has white text, starting very large in size and gradually reducing, on a 'sea blue' background on the left of the screen which reads:]

Dying to be Cool?

Cold water shock can kill.

#dyingtobecool

www.durham.gov.uk/dyingtobecool

Supported by

#CampaigningforCam

[On the right half of the screen there is an image of someone lying under water with bubbles coming from their mouth.]

At the bottom right of the of the screen is the Altogether Safer logo, South Durham Partnership.]