

JAY SLAVIN INTERVIEW (Extracts)
Monday September 20

(06:58) Basically, Debra can't conduct the interview because after the inquest and following litigation that happened afterwards, Debra was legally gagged by the Royal Hospital and, therefore, can't talk publicly about it. (07:11)

(07:17) Well I think it boils down to the fact that the hospital is trying to hide their mistakes and the reputation of doctors, trying to protect them from any further litigation or the public eye. (07:37)

(08:52) Extremely let down. Debra sought some solace from the fact that Adam's death might have helped other children in the future from the same fate. Unfortunately, as we all know now, that hasn't been the case. Very let down that that solace is gone. (09:13)

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(09:46) I think it's hard to summarise how a parent feels when they lose a child. I know there's not a day goes by when Debra doesn't think about Adam and the girl still cries herself to sleep at night. It's impossible to summarise. I know she'll never be the same. If we had another child, she wouldn't feel the same (10:58)

(11:03) I think it's prolonged the grieving process and the fact that there's been no proper closure. Debra hasn't ... it's always been in the back of her mind, she fought as hard as she could against the Royal Hospital. Unfortunately you're fighting a multi-million pound trust. And an individual simply cannot do it without some backing. That always lingers in the back of her mind and brings everything to the surface. (11:27)

(14:25) I think the priorities should be, always the patient, whether a child or an adult. I think the professional medical trade spend too much time protecting themselves, their reputation and that of the hospital. Whereas if they are professional, a large part of being professional is taking responsibility for your actions and that includes mistakes. (14:50)