

Media Statement in response to the Kristy Bamu trial

The trial relating to the death of 15 year old Kirsty Bamu has revealed that bedwetting may have been the trigger for the alleged violence. On 25 January 2012, Dr Richard Hoskins told a jury at the Old Bailey "The trigger that needs to occur for people to think someone is possessed... can be anything out of the ordinary. Bedwetting is a classic example of this."

This is a rare and tragic case of the extreme responses children can face as a result of wetting the bed.

Bedwetting affects 1 in 12 children and young people in the UK but because no one talks about it, most people think they are alone. Research shows that only one in three families come forward for help while the rest continue to suffer in silence.

In many cases, a solution for bedwetting can be found and children needn't put up with it. ERIC (Education and Resources for Improving Childhood Continence) is the only UK charity providing information and support to children and families suffering with bedwetting, and other continence problems.

ERIC is working hard to raise awareness of bedwetting and the help available so that children and families know help is at hand. ERIC provides a Helpline, online message boards, leaflets and specialist products to help manage or overcome the problem.

More information can be found at www.eric.org.uk

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1. ERIC (Education and Resources for Improving Childhood Continence) is a national children's health charity dealing with bedwetting, daytime wetting, constipation and soiling in children and young people. ERIC provides information, support and resources to families and health professionals on bladder and bowel problems.

Ways to contact ERIC:

- 24/7 Helpline 0845 370 8008
- Website www.eric.org.uk
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