



Speaking from Experience

Schizophrenia

Transcript for chapter 1 of 8: What's going on?

Sam: I was saying things about people that weren't true and they weren't sort of considered normal... I was wanting to kill everyone, the voices were telling me to harm myself, that everyone around me was against me.

Sandy: Through my university days from first year onwards, when i was probably 19 until 23, i just was unravelling gradually.

Ross: there just was too much stimulus coming in, and I was unable to basically slow things down or gain any form of control.

Jenni: At first I was believed to be just badly behaved, we were told that I was lying about my symptoms.

Mark: The main thing that was happening for me, was robotic movements, i couldn't think clearly. I was finding it hard to get by with day to day activities such as cooking cleaning... socializing.

Richard: Somebody might say a comment that is directly related to you, and how could that be, how could they have said that and spoken it to me from the tv right then right there? Did they know i was coming into the room? is there a camera in the house.

Kylie: That paranoia that seeps in quite regularly when Marks unwell, he gets feelings of people not liking him, people not wanting him to be around.

Ann: At first it seemed to be a clear cut eating disorder, that it was anorexia 'slash' bulimia, and it wasn't until further down the track that we became aware that the voices were there telling Jenni that she had to not eat.

Jodie: We want to understand, but we can't possibly understand how things are happening to him that they are. We want to try and make it real, and obviously it's real for Rich, but it's not real for us.