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KPC So your mum and dad are very different, then? What about you and your brother? Are you more similar in personality or, or different?

MB Em, in ways, we're very different, and in others, we would be quite s... similar. But like everybody says we, that we always look the same and so on.

KPC Do you think that, though?

MB No. *[laughs]* Although maybe that's just me, because I'm his brother and don't want to look like him.

KPC Mm.

MB Em. And, eh, we'd be different in the sense with, like, eh, for example, him moving to Newcastle. He was very anxious about moving away and, eh, I suppose it was because there was a whole big long... it, it just dragged out over a long period of time before he eventually left. So it give him too much time...

KPC To think.

MB ... to think about it. And he, eh... I went away to Portaferry over Easter and came back, and he picked me up, eh, in Belfast whenever we got left off, and took me home. And he had told me that, eh, during the m... middle of the week, he just had a complete change of mind and just decided that he didn't want to go, and was just freaking out about it.

KPC Oh, dear.

MB To, eh, just major extent. And, eh, I just turned around and said like, 'Why? I mean, like, are you going to be stuck in Ards for the rest of life? Do you want to be stuck in Ards for the rest of your life?'

KPC Mm.

MB And he, he was like, 'Oh, I suppose. I suppose'. So he eventually left, and... He just got very anxious with it all...

KPC Mm.

MB ... and then I thought that that wasn't helped either by my mother, because my mother was always saying, 'Oh, and you could cook this, and you could do that, and if you find this happens, you can do this, and you can do that' – just giving him more things to worry about then, just adding to the pro... problem. And I, I actually said to her, you know, 'Do you not think that maybe one of the reasons why Peter is so anxious is because you keep on giving him with the things to be anxious about?' Em, so she was very mothering in that sense and, you know, making sure that he had everything so... sorted.

KPC Mm-mm.

MB But [*clears throat*] in a way, I can understand because, eh, my brother is also diabetic.

KPC Blimey.

MB So she has even more mothering problem.

KPC So the food thing is a big issue, then, for her?

MB Yeah, as well. So she worries a lot about that there, and, eh, although Peter doesn't really look at it as much of a worry, because he knows what he can and can't eat, and what to eat, and when to eat, and so on.

KPC Mm-mm. I suppose he's had it all his life...

MB Yeah.

KPC ... so he's so used to it.

MB So, eh, he... we'll be different in that sense because, I mean, I, I said, said to my brother before he left, I said, you know, 'Listen, I don't know why you're getting so anxious'. Like if someone turned round to me tomorrow and said 'Right, we're moving to Fi... Fiji', I'd be, 'Right. Let's go then'.

KPC Mm-mm.

MB I'd be more than happy to go. Em, I would be happy to move anywhere. I mean, if it helped me in the long run, like I'd be happy to go...

KPC Mm-mm.

MB ... over to Europe, or over to the States, for my education, if it helped me in the long run, and I'd be happy enough to go over there for a job

or whatever, or to s... settle down over there, and so on. Or, eh, go away on holiday. Like I've always wanted to t... travel. All my life, I've always wanted... there's... eh, to go about the world because there's places that you don't know about...

KPC Mm-mm. Mm-mm.

MB ... until you actually go there. And you see pictures and you think, 'Wow, that's really cool'. So I would love to do that, but **Peter** wouldn't be, in that sense. Like he would be, 'Okay, let's go for a week's holiday to Prague', kind of thing, and...

KPC Mm. That's as far as he gets.

MB Yeah. That would be it, as such, and I'd be...

KPC So Newcastle is a big deal for him, then?

MB It was a very big deal, yeah.

KPC Mm.

MB Em, he keeps on trying to get me to go over, but sadly, I haven't had a chance yet because, eh, I've got work experience coming up, eh, tomorrow.