

Colin and Georgina Genetic testing

Colin

So we have three of us. My two brothers and I got Kennedy's. Same parents, same number of repeats, three entirely different versions. My eldest brother unfortunately, six foot four, came down by the time he was 50. He's in a wheelchair and by 70 he died. I'm still doing things. My youngest brother, 12 years younger, he's got a walking stick.

I have 46 repeats on the androgen receptor, which gives you an idea of how deep my family is into it. 35 is the cut off for it. OK. I knew that I had Kennedy's and as I said, we came out the closet, went to Poole Hospital, took a blood test. That's how I know. I have 46 repeats. So that's the only genetic I know. Like my two brothers have had the tests.

They've got 46 and my niece had a test and she has 18 on one from her mother and 47 from her father on the other. But you know, I mean, my other brother has two daughters and we know they're carriers.

Georgina

So we haven't needed to get, because we've had sons, we haven't felt the need to go any further with any genetic testing within the family. It's not necessary.

Colin

It's finished in our, in my family line.

Georgina

So I think that is a huge difference. If you have daughters then –

Colin

And guaranteed to be carriers.

Georgina

Totally different ball game. But with boys, fine, end of, fullstop. And I think that is it. No, it's one of those funny ones. Do you want to know whether you've got a disease in your family or don't you? It's sometimes the mental aspect of that can be worse than actually not, you know, not knowing, going along blindly, not knowing.