

Geeta and Sheena **Genetic testing**

Sheena

Mum was very keen to sign up to any sort of medical trials as well. So she put her name forward for anything and everything. But a lot of them weren't suitable for different reasons.

Some of them were because you needed a genetic type of MND, but we didn't have the genetic testing then and we'd ask for the test and they said it's not worth having the genetic testing.

So we weren't offered that. And then after about a year, we pushed for it because we had another medical condition developed with one of mum's sisters who wanted to know if there was some relation or we were carrying that particular type of gene. They told us that it would take about a year, so we had that tested, but we've not got the results of that.

When we went abroad though, we paid and had that testing done. So mum doesn't have the genetic form of MND, and so she wasn't eligible for a lot of those clinical trials because they target a specific type of gene that's associated with MND.