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On 3rd of May 2014 the Brooks family from Bures Suffolk received the worst ever possible news, their beautiful and much loved 6 year old daughter Daisy was diagnosed with a devastating and inoperable form of brain tumour called DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma). DIPG primarily affects children with most succumbing to the disease within 18 months of diagnosis.



DAISY WITH HER LITTLE SISTER SHORTLY BEFORE BECOMING ILL

Daisy went from being a normal child at school one day with no sign of illness to hospital the next and was having radiotherapy by the following week. At the time, Daisy's parents were told there was no hope of a cure but radiotherapy would buy a little extra time to make precious memories with their daughter and if they were lucky they could expect a few weeks of 'good health' before the symptoms took hold and their little girl would start to slip away. Daisy's family and friends scoured the internet looking for some treatment that could help her. Like many parents in this desperate situation, they would have done anything, gone anywhere to help their beloved child but they found the answer right here in the UK in the brilliant Professor Steven Gill who was based in Bristol and had been researching innovative methods for treating neurological disorders like DIPG for over ten years.

On the 28th July Daisy and her family travelled to Bristol where she underwent pioneering brain surgery aided by a software guided robot to install a series of catheters attached to a titanium device made on a 3D printer which could be used to deliver chemotherapy direct to the tumour.

Daisy's parents hope that this experimental treatment, along with Daisy's incredible bravery and spirit, have given her a shot against this devastating condition.



DAISY AFTER SECOND CHEMOTHERAPY

More information on DIPG can be found on thecurestartsnow.org/about/brain-cancer/dipg.

Sadly there is no happening ending for Daisy's Story as she passed away in the early hours of Monday 17th November surrounded by her loving and caring family.