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## MY HERO

### Leeds toddler saves mum's life after she suffered a heart attack

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A MUM has hailed her four-year-old son as a hero after he saved her life when she collapsed with a heart attack.

Kadell Anderson-Brown of Leeds contacted paramedics over the

phone and, although terrified, he managed to give his full address and phone number to the 999 call handler.

The incident caused damage to her heart, but medics admit that

were it not for her son's amazing actions, she may not have made it.

Mawena suffers from a condition known as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a genetic

condition that affects the heart and can result in sudden death.

Mawena explained: "He was very worried, he kept crying and saying 'please don't die mummy'. It makes me cry every time I think about it. At the time he was so worried, it was scary to see him like that."

"He said 'It's all right, mummy, I only wanted to make you better'."

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## IN BRIEF

CHARITY RUN  
FOR CANCER

**LEEDS:** A father of two has raised £800 for Yorkshire Cancer Research after taking part in a number of marathons in Leeds. David English, 36, took part in the Plusnet Leeds Half Marathon, Jane Tomlinson's Run for All Leeds 10K and the Total Warrior 12K obstacle at Bramham Park after losing his mum to bowel cancer in 2014.

MORE CASH FOR  
COUNCILLORS

**WAKEFIELD:** Councillors in Wakefield have approved a 2.2 per cent annual rise in their own allowances. Basic allowances will increase from £11,095 to £11,339 and the council leader's allowance will go up from £33,854 to £34,598. The deputy council leader's allowance will now be £18,099, rising from £17,709.



## WHAT TO WATCH

**MILLENNIUM SQUARE:** 80s reggae enthusiasts UB40 bring their greatest hits to the city centre tonight.

The band, whose hits include *I Can't Help Falling in Love with You*, will play from 8pm tonight as part of a summer series of gigs in the square.

WOW 24/7

EQUINE CRIME  
IN FIRING LINE

**NORTH LEEDS:** A scheme has been set up to combat horse-related crime in north Leeds. The Horsecatch scheme, running in the Harewood, Wetherby and Alwoodley areas, operates along similar lines to Neighbourhood Watch. For more information see [www.westyorkshire.police.uk/horsecatch](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/horsecatch).

# HERO BOY SAVES HIS MUM

## SATURDAY COVER STORY

A heroic Leeds youngster saved his mum's life, as  
**Janine Griffiths** reports.

A FOUR year old boy has been hailed a hero after saving his mum's life.

Kadell Anderson-Brown from Kirkstall sprang into action when his mum, Mawena Brown, had a suspected heart attack last Thursday.

Quick-thinking Kadell managed to give his full address and phone number to the 999 call handler when Mawena collapsed with chest pains and shortness of breath.

The incident caused damage to her heart, but medics admit that were it not for her son's amazing actions, she may not have made it.

Mawena suffers from a condition known as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a genetic condition that affects

the heart and can result in sudden death.

Kadell's gran, Beverly Thornton, 54, said: "He is such a hero and so brave, I think he deserves an award.

"It was a close call, she could have died. We are blessed that Kadell was able to call the ambulance. I think he is an inspiration for people and I am glad that it has all resulted in a positive outcome."

Mawena explained that when she was first diagnosed with the condition, she taught Kadell how to call the emergency services, in case she fell severely ill while they were in the house. It was a decision, that ultimately helped to save her life.

Mawena explained: "I am

very proud of him. I was unable to speak to the ambulance and explain what was wrong but I heard him talking to them on the phone and I heard him give my full address and phone number.

"He was very worried, he kept crying and saying 'please don't die mummy'. It makes me cry every time I think about it. At the time he was so worried, it was scary to see him like that.

"At first he kept telling me to phone the ambulance, before speaking to them himself when he realised I couldn't call them.

"He said 'It's alright mummy, I only wanted to make you better'. When I came out of hospital and said I was worried about stomach pains he said 'Oh you should have stayed in hospital mummy'."

"He's the kind of kid that you can have a full on conversation with, he's been like that since he was two. He's very clever."

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy affects the muscular walls of the heart and prevents it from pumping blood around the body properly.

Symptoms include chest pain, shortness of breath and irregular heartbeats. It can strike at any age, and is commonly seen in babies, although it can appear suddenly later on in life.



When left undiagnosed, the condition can be fatal.

Around one in 500 of the UK population has the condition, although most people who have it have few symptoms.

Robert Hall, medical director at Cardimyopathy UK, a charity that supports people with the condition said that more needs to be done to raise awareness about the condition, both among the public and the medical community.

He said: "People also need to understand that if treated properly, these conditions do respond well and people can live effective lives with these conditions. If cardiomyopathy is in the family then taking sensible precautions such as teaching people how to respond in an emergency are good, but it is more about getting the



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right treatment at the right time. I am really pleased that Mawena came out of this well and it is fantastic that her little boy responded in the way that he did."

Mawena who is due to get a defibrillator fitted next week, encouraged others with the

condition to ensure that their loved ones know what to do in the event of an emergency.

Carrie Whitham, a spokeswoman for the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust, agreed. She said: "Kadell did a fantastic job in helping his Mum and is to be commended

for staying calm and doing all the right things when faced with this very daunting situation. For someone so young, he should be congratulated on knowing his address and telephone contact number off by heart and this is something that we recommend all parents teach their children for use in emergency situations such as this. We wish Mawena well in her recovery, she should be very proud of her young son."

Dr Mike Blackburn, consultant paediatric Cardiologist, at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, agreed.

He said: "If a parent knows they have a serious medical condition it is important to explain to their children what might happen and what to do in an emergency."

## CASE STUDY

### Treatments for heart condition

**AT PRESENT** there is no cure for HCM, but treatments are available to help control your symptoms and prevent complications. Your treatment will depend on how your heart is affected and what symptoms you have.

You may need:

- **Medicines** – to help control your blood pressure, abnormal heart rhythms or other symptoms you may have
- **A Pacemaker** – to control your heart rate
- **An ICD** – if you are at risk of having a life threatening abnormal heart rhythm.



**LIFE SAVER:** Kadell Anderson-Brown's quick thinking helped rescue his mum Mawena Brown after a suspected heart attack.

## COURT

### Man in court over alleged 'hit-and-run'

A MAN has appeared in court over the alleged hit-and-run death of a man in Leeds.

Majid Malik is charged with causing James Gilbey's death by dangerous driving as well as failing to stop after an accident and failing to report an accident.

Mr Gilbey, 25, from Bramley, was returning home after seeing a friend in Kirkstall on Monday night when he was hit by a VW Golf on Stanningley Bypass. He died at the scene.

Malik, of Silverhill Avenue, Bradford, spoke only to confirm his personal details when he appeared at Leeds Magistrates' Court yesterday. He was remanded in custody to appear at Leeds Crown Court on July 31.

Police have arrested another man, aged 28, from Bradford, on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving. He is believed to be the driver of an Audi A5 which was driving on Stanningley Bypass at the time of the incident.

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