



Jack Levin, Serena Baron-Servini and Amelia Servini

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"She looks great and is back doing normal things again," mum Amelia said.

"She has lost a lot of schooling but the most important thing is her health.

"The last couple of years have been so hard and draining. Serena had to stay away from people and there were so many viruses she could have got while she was still on medication and having scans, and at times she wouldn't eat.

"You never want to fear the worst but there were times I worried she wouldn't make a recovery.

"The hospitals were really good to us and Jack at Davidsons was unbelievable, he saved her life and I'm so grateful."

There have been cases nationwide where doctors don't always notice such tumours and opticians then do, and it is a message Mr Levin was determined to get across when he spoke to the *Potters Bar Edition*.

He said: "All parents should not take this kind of thing lightly.

"At Davidsons we have a child vision specialist who can look at a child free of charge and can pick up problems such as a lazy eye or anything more serious."

## 'Optician saved my life'

But it was Mr Levin himself who made the life-saving observation. He added: "I realised straight away there was something seriously wrong.

"When I looked into her eye the retina is normally pink and healthy but this time there were little spots of blood and full of haemorrhages.

"It is the first time I've seen a brain tumour but I knew it was serious. It needed urgent attention so I wrote the letter and sent them off to Moorfields.

"Thank God the mum came to us and followed our advice and didn't take it lightly, she really should be praised, she was very wise."

Amelia echoed Mr Levin's call for people not to take potential signs for granted.

She added: "I have seen and read other instances or similar things happening and people do need to be aware that this kind of thing can happen.

"Even though you never think it will happen to you or your own child, it just shows that it can."

# UFO hacker's mum up for human rights award

By Paul Christian

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UFO hacker Gary McKinnon's mother has been shortlisted for a human rights award in recognition of her decade-long fight to stop her son being extradited to America.

Surprised Brookmans Park resident Janis Sharp said she had no idea who had nominated her for the award from human rights watchdog Liberty, but said she was "honoured".

Ms Sharp, 62, told the *WHT*: "I just think it's incredible and it's an honour.

"This will help me highlight Gary's case and it will help me highlight the extradition treaty, which means that anyone can be sent away without evidence.

"And the fact that it's Liberty and human rights is great."

Last week a review of the 2003 extradition treaty, which was conceived in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, found it to be fair, dealing Ms Sharp's campaign a major blow.

The probe, led by the former Court of Appeal judge Sir Scott Baker, said the treaty "does not operate in an unbalanced manner".

Sir Scott's report found: "There is no practical difference between the information submitted to and from the United States."

Ms Sharp has been nominated for her tireless battle to halt her son being taken to America to answer charges of hacking into US

Janis Sharp and son Gary McKinnon

## But now she faces a new battle

government computer systems, including that of the Pentagon.

Mr McKinnon, 45, who has Asperger's Syndrome, was said to have been looking for evidence of UFOs.

The winners of Liberty's annual awards will be announced next month.



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Janis Sharp

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