

Dale's Story

**I'm not
laughing**

I'm Dale and I'm from Bolton.

I live with my family and I like live music, especially thrash, and I enjoy going to live gigs.

I have Autism, and this means that sometimes I can stare. I don't mean anything by it, but sometime people can take offence.

I went out with my dad to a live gig, and we went for a kebab afterwards. I was just minding my own business, when some lads came in. They started to taunt me, to make fun. They were asking if I had been taking drugs.

My dad tried to explain that I had Autism, but they didn't listen. My dad told them I didn't mean to stare, but they kept taunting me.

Fortunately my dad was there, and we were able to get a taxi and go home.

I just want to be able to enjoy a night out with my family and friends without getting hassle from people.

I'm not laughing.

