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and I just wish I could still do that. But I can't."



Hitting snooze ... Lois can have episodes for up to 44 days

Her mum, Setta, said: "We call her Little Lois when she's in episode, she is unpleasant and it's like she has severe behavioural problems.

"She goes from being like a zombie and ignoring me or huffing and puffing, to like a two-year-old, bouncing off the walls.

"Lois is now afraid to go to sleep in case she doesn't wake up again. It's been soul destroying to watch because she once had everything going for her."

Lois and her mother discovered KLS after internet research but in order to be officially diagnosed with the syndrome, doctors must exclude all other possibilities.

Lois said: "Most doctors haven't even heard of KLS. To an outsider, it could look like I'm skiving or insane.

"They thought I could be narcoleptic, schizophrenic or be suffering from chronic fatigue. But I had seen a documentary about KLS and both me and my mum knew that's what it was."

KLS usually strikes in adolescence and the main symptoms are long and disturbed sleep, altered behaviour and excessive appetite.

The condition can often be triggered by an infection or head injury and affects just 65 people in the UK.

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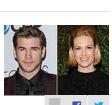




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