Baroness Sheila Hollins       The younger doctor thought that my son’s face didn’t matter, because he was already disabled, that it wouldn’t matter if he also had a big hole in his cheek.

Jessica Garrett          It would be great if what doctors could take away from this is that it is very important to see the person and not the disability. A lot of the doctors in the play and in the film are so overwhelmed or embarrassed or misled by the fact that Marie has Downs Syndrome that they forget to perhaps apply the same diagnostic principles that they would on other patients. And so the underlying physical problem that she presents with goes undiagnosed.

[extract from ‘Wood for the Trees’]

Dr Roger Banks           There is a whole mass of issues there – about lack of appropriate communication, about diagnostic overshadowing, assumptions about people’s behaviour, not actually investigating someone in the way you might investigate a non-disabled member of the public.