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She says her father is from Suvi in Lipljan.

She says that her parents have told her that she was scared of the police when she was a little girl because of the things she had seen occur in Macedonia.

“I was a baby, but, yeah, I guess I was scared of the police.”

(04:07) Fatima says that her mother has told her that they were in the Macedonian camp for three months, with two other families in the same tent. They were given canned food and it wasn't particularly comfortable.

Fatime says that her mother was eight months pregnant with her brother when she was in the camp in Macedonia where the conditions for washing were difficult. Her mother gave birth a month after arriving to England.

(07:20) She says that her mother told her that the conditions were better in the English hospital and she was treated better than in Macedonia where she experienced prejudice for being an Albanian woman from Kosovo. The staff in Macedonia would accuse her of breaking equipment and refuse to give her water to drink when in labour. She says that it was very different in the English hospital.

She explains that the family was put on a list for evacuation to England. When they first arrived, they had translators and the people who helped her family also gave them a phone so that they could try and contact relatives and find out how people were, which was reassuring.

Fatime says it was difficult for her parents when they first got to England but life has settled down now.

She says that the family definitely see themselves as Kosovar and so does she. She says that she is quite strict in sticking to the Kosovar culture. She is fluent in Albanian.

(08:43) Fatime says that she is studying Biomedicine at Salford University and talks about wanting to be a doctor, possibly in Kosovo, or a lecturer.

She talks about contracting meningitis when she was eight years old and her treatment in the hospital as inspiring her to want to help others in the same way.

Fatime says, unlike England, her experience of Kosovo was that hospitals were not clean and well equipped.