

## ABSTRACT

The impact of adult functioning of growing up with a sibling who has a chronic disability is investigated, with particular reference as to whether the presence of neurotic guilt is demonstrated. A grounded theory approach is used. A review of the literature provides the basis for the theoretical consideration of sibling relationships in families without disabilities, and in families where children have disabilities, as well as the concept of survivor guilt. Taped interviews with five participants are analysed, and the emergent themes discussed. The relationship between the findings and Integrative Psychotherapy is discussed. Suggestions for use of the emergent material, and for further research are offered.