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STEPFAMILIES COME TO BBC ONE

Lion Television Scotland has been commissioned to produce a major new BBC ONE series which goes to the heart of five stepfamilies and explores the problems and challenges of making a stepfamily into a happy family.

Agony Aunt Suzie Hayman works with the families over 6 weeks. She delves into the complicated baggage and history that everyone brings to the stepfamily, and she offers the families techniques and advice to move forward and build a happy stepfamily.

The five programmes record an emotional and turbulent few weeks for the families.

There is laughter and there are tears. There is conflict, but there are also remarkable results.

Suzie Hayman is a Relate trained counsellor stepmother and agony aunt. She is one of Britain's leading experts on stepfamilies. She is Vice chair of Parentline Plus (the major UK parenting charity) and a trustee of the Who Cares Trust.

Stepfamilies is produced and directed by Suzanne Lynch, Katya Nelhams-Wright, Peter Strachan and Julian Kean, the series producer is Debbie Christie. The series will transmit on BBC ONE from Wednesday 4 January 2006.