"You say it was an act of love to fulfil her desire to die with dignity," he said. "But there was nothing dignified about the violent way in which you killed her."

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With time already served, Keath will be eligible for parole in 2028. **Lifeline: 13 11 14**

Bec Johnson is heading to the US. Picture: Sharon Smith

Online forum was lifeline

Claire Tyrrell

When Bec Johnson was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, her online networks became crucial.

But the internet was a different space when Ms Johnson learnt she had the disease in 2001, aged 17.

"It was before Facebook — an online forum called Reality Check was my lifeline," Ms Johnson said. "I could pour my soul out on that

"I could pour my soul out on that forum and I had other people talk my language."

Fast-forward 14 years and she helped start WA's Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre — the only centre of its kind in the nation.

As the centre's general manager, Ms Johnson started a Facebook

group for parents of children with type 1 diabetes.

The page has grown to more than 700 members since it started

Ms Johnson, now chief executive of the Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre, said the social media group fostered vital connections between families and acted as a hive of information.

She was recently selected to take part in the inaugural Facebook Community Leadership Program, as one of 115 people chosen from 6000 applicants worldwide.

Ms Johnson will visit Facebook's headquarters in Silicon Valley next week for a four-day workshop.

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