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MY EXPERIENCE IN HOSPITAL

- Diagnosed with chronic granulomiasis disorder when I was 3
- Went to CGD conference and was told about non related Bone Marrow Transplants.
- Spent 6 months in Newcastle having a Bone Marrow Transplant
- Due to the transplant I now have constant pain in both my legs. Unfortunately doctors do not understand why this has happened.

My Experience With Education In Hospitals

- During my time in hospital I had primary school teachers on the days I was well enough.
- I received a report card at the end of the school year from my hospital teachers.
- I received primary 6 lessons which was approved by my school.
- I read "Charlottes Web" as one of my lessons in hospital and was told to write a review/essay on it.
- Unfortunately at the time I was unable to do this as I was very ill.
- My primary school received regular updates on how I was progressing with my school work
- When required to do so, my school would send school work on to me.

Support I Received In Primary School

- There was a definite lack of support in my primary school.
- Due to lack of preparation and materials and also not any communication other than school work between schools and hospitals
- When I returned to Scotland but I wasn't fit to return to school properly I had my classroom teacher tutor me after school hours.
- The main things that affected me the most would be the social problems I faced and the physical problems I faced.
- My classroom was at the top of the building with many stairs and all my friends had moved on so I found it difficult to connect with them again.

SUPPORT I RECEIVED IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Support I am currently receiving in secondary school is excellent.
- I have two classroom assistants with me whilst moving in corridors and in classes.
- The school has a personal fire action plan which suits everyone
- I have a lift key and am allowed to leave class 5 minutes early to avoid crowds.
- I get a free taxi provided by the school to take me to school and back home.
- In PE I am given activities that are suitable for to take part in.

In conclusion I am very happy with both the support I receive in school and the education I received in the hospital. These positive experiences have inspired me to become a doctor.

I don't see my experience with the support I received in Primary school as a negative experience but more of a learning experience for primary schools. They need to be more prepared for children with health issues and I believe that could improve a lot of children's life styles.