

I was a patient at victoria house rehabilitation unit 3 years ago.I suffered a subarachnoid hemorrhage,I could not walk and had very limited movement in my limbs.My speech was also affected,I was very frightened.

I was sent to victoria house for rehab and was very nervous at first,but I must say the staff and therapist were amazing,they made me feel so at ease they gave me the time I needed to gain my confidence back put my trust in them 100%.Little by little I started to regain the use of my arms and legs.

My family and I were always made to feel at ease it was like one big family.

But without the facilities I would not have been able to get the attention and rehab needed for myself.

Having my own room played a big part for me as I was able to spend private time with my husband and children.

Rehab is not just a physical aspect but emotionally to and I had that support at this wonderful unit.

I was shocked and upset to find out that victoria house had shut and the service had been moved to a normal ward area in the main hospital.I could not have imagined my rehab being undertaken under such poor circumstances.

The hospital and mark hackett speak of trying to improve services and that the patients care are always important,but I feel that it all comes down to money.

Why would they shut a perfectly adapted unit for people such as myself to make way for an outpatients clinic,it does not make sense.

I have visited the staff up on the ward and was appalled by the lack of space.Even basic needs like the toilets are not suitable.

I wish I had the power to stop this and reopen the unit as I feel it is a great loss to the public.