

GAYNOR HAIGH



Gaynor Haigh, a retired childminder and mother of two from Stubbington, Hampshire, was infected with Hep. C from a blood transfusion during gall-bladder surgery in 1975. She first noticed symptoms in 2009 when she started to feel tired and had 3-hour nosebleeds. As the symptoms worsened, she was sent for tests which revealed that she had Hepatitis C. "I was totally confused", she said. "I'd never used drugs so it didn't make sense".

Bewildered, her GP looked through her medical notes and saw the operation that she had undergone 34 years before. As more tests were carried out, the news got worse. She discovered that she was suffering from inoperable liver cancer and would need a transplant. She was put on the national waiting list and finally underwent the 10-hour surgery at Addenbrooke's Hospital in December 2010. She says: "I'm still under Addenbrooke's as I only have faith in that wonderful team that saved my life!"