



## Speaking from Experience

### *Epilepsy Surgery*

#### **Transcript for chapter 3 of 12: Impact**

**Sarah, 3 months after surgery, and mother Frances** - The impact that epilepsy would've had on Sarah's life was mainly at school because her concentration wasn't the best.

**Maree, 11 months after grid monitoring and surgery, and husband Rob** - Mum always used to say to me that I was always such an active child. When my epilepsy started at the age of 12 I normally had.

**Mark, 7 years after surgery** - I was married with two young children. They were five and three. I was a sales representative, so my job involved driving. I had just moved into a new house. When I started having seizures, everything just went up in the air. I didn't know what was going to happen.

**Maree and husband Rob** - One thing I wasn't able to get was my licence and that was hard. I found that quite hard to accept because it was something I was looking forward to. I had always thought I would grow out of this epilepsy. But I got to the age of 18 and I hadn't grown out of it. It was coming to terms with the fact that I might have this for the rest of my life. I found that to be a really hard time.

**Denise and Frank's son, Luc, had surgery 1 year ago** - I was really, really worried because I could see that it was having a huge impact on his whole life. We were really wondering what's going to happen to him? What sort of a future has he got?

**Maree and husband Rob** - I just thought that whatever I have, I'll just get on with life. Continue to live my life and work my way around these seizures, I guess.