



Speaking from Experience *Stroke in Midlife*

Transcript for chapter 4 of 9: Early fears

Helen: In the days that followed, things set into my mind, lots of fears; will this happen again? Am I going to die?

Noelene: It was the fear of the unknown.

George: How we would be in the future, whether Leonie would be able to earn money. Or whether I'd just have to continually work and just make sure that she was ok at home.

Jack: I think deep down I was a bit concerned. What's going to happen now? What's the fish going to hold now? I just put it out of my mind.

George: It was a long time before I think I felt very comfortable about having sex with Leonie - (laughs) I mean, how would you term it - because of the stroke, not because of me 'not wanting to have sex'.

Leonie: I didn't have any physical disabilities, so that certainly wasn't an issue... And I haven't had a stroke since - having had sex - so I think we did the right thing.