

Angie - A life Transformed

Aged 17, Angie was on the threshold of adulthood and looking forward to university.

Her life was full of friends, studying and hobbies, when she suddenly began to have seizures. Overnight, everything changed.

Angie endured multiple seizures each day, significantly affecting her A-level studies. In an instant, she was unable to ride horses, socialise with friends or take part in her favourite activities.

Devastated and frustrated, facing a very different future, she needed to adapt and reclaim her life.

After a referral to the Epilepsy Society, tests found that a blood vessel had erupted in her left temporal lobe. Just before her 21st birthday she underwent brain surgery. Angie told us "I was always tired and sad, especially at Christmas, because the gift I really wanted was my old life back and that seemed impossible."



Genetic testing found that Angie, like other family members, had a change to a gene (CCM2) that affects blood vessels in the brain and can lead to seizures.

Angie said "Thanks to the Epilepsy Society's research and vision, I can do everything I've always wanted to do, including horse riding, walking, and starting a family."

Since my operation, I've been seizure-free; without it, I don't think I'd be here today living my life to the fullest."

