

Brief Profile. = Lydia Annie Willis

I am 77ys of age; I am qualified as a psychiatric, General and District Nurse. I retired at the age of 70ys, I have always been an avid reader of a wide range of literature

Brief relevant history

In July 2005 quite by chance I discovered that vision in my R eye was virtually nil, my L eye also began to deteriorate. I was fortunate to be referred to a research programme looking at macular degeneration by a hospital consultant in May 2006.

Negative aspects of M.D.      Negative aspects of treatment      Positive aspects of treatment.

Physical

- = Not able to read.
- = Not able to look or deal with many domestic chores
- = Could not walk confidently.

Physical

Procedure was uncomfortable over a period of about 12hrs.

Physical.

Post 3 treatments significant improvement in L eye; continues to date

Psychological & Social.

- = undue pressure on aged husband & family
- = became low in mood
- = Sense of isolation
- = Loss of independance
- = unable to play or read to grandchildren

Psychological & Social

No negative experience

Psychological & Social.

- = Able to read normal print
- = " to carry out normal domestic tasks
- = Sense of confidence
- = positive thinking returned
- = Husband & family more relaxed.

Financial Costs

- = washing & ironing services
- = Meals on wheels
- = Clinic attendance and provision of magnifying glasses from N.H.S

Financial.

- = Meals on wheels cancelled
- = No clinic attendance & support required