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Mum revitalised by pioneering surgery



Lease of life: Sylvie Wright, with son Marcus and husband Steve.

Picture: Barry Richardson

A MULTIPLE sclerosis patient from Sheffield is enjoying a new lease of life after undergoing pioneering treatment abroad.

Sylvie Wright travelled to Poland for a procedure to clear a blocked vein in her neck. She has also had a stent fitted to keep her left jugular vein open - it was originally 80 per cent blocked.

Although the treatment, which is designed to open up blood flow, has not yet been

clinically approved, Sylvie said the anecdotal evidence that it could help MS patients was enough to make her determined to try it.

The 37-year-old from Upperthorpe paid £5,000 to travel and undergo the treatment near Krakow and believes it has been money well spent.

She said: "The way I saw it was if I had any blocked veins they shouldn't be blocked and they wanted unblocking irrespective of any connection

with MS - although that link seemed highly likely to me.

"I felt I had nothing to lose as my MS is progressing and my life is a constant struggle with severe disability, and particularly against the debilitating fatigue.

"I think the procedure has already paid itself back because my fatigue reduced by 50 per cent immediately. This has improved my quality of life enormously. Most importantly, I have hope."