

# Case Study



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Jenny\* was diagnosed as PVS (Persistent Vegetative State) in hospital when she was just 16 years old. The diagnosis came as the result of anoxic brain injury following her airway being blocked by Quinces (Tonsillitis).

When first diagnosed, Jenny required constant suction and nebulizer therapy due to rapid congestive build up. She also had poor posture, her muscle tone was rigid and the contractions of her limbs were apparent.

An individual care plan was set by Advantage Healthcare Group, positioning Jenny for chest drainage and passive exercises, which resulted in an improvement in Jenny's quality of life. The care plan gives confidence to her parents and provides Jenny a more relaxed muscle tone and clearer chest for longer periods.

Advantage has been caring for Jenny every night for the past 8 years. Both Jenny and her parents enjoy the continuity of her care given by Advantage nurses and two of the staff have worked with Jenny and her family since the beginning of her care.

Although Jenny remains in a PVS, her consultant and senior physiotherapist have acknowledged that as a result of the input from her team, Jenny has had no deterioration of skin, peg site, tracheostomy, pressure points and limb contractions.

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*\*Service users details have been changed for data protection reasons.*