



The story of my chronic illness and the problems of getting a diagnosis after years of being seriously ill is very protracted and unfortunately quite typical. It took more than four years to be diagnosed by cutting-edge practitioners out with the NHS, because when someone has had the tick-borne parasitic illness of Lyme disease for a long time it spreads to the organs and becomes undetectable in the blood.

The illness is crippling and systemic, affecting just about every part of the body, and it can leave people disabled and in wheelchairs, or with serious damage to their central and peripheral nervous systems, eyes, skeletal and digestive systems. It is extremely painful. "The illness is crippling and systematic... It is extremely painful"



I have spent more than £60,000 trying initially to get a diagnosis and then to find a practitioner who could help. I had to sell my house and move in with my sister who also suffers from the disease. For two years I was completely bed bound but had no access to any effective care because the NHS knows little about treating the condition and nothing about the treatment I eventually discovered, which is now getting me better.

Luckily I found an incredible doctor in Canada who had himself suffered from the condition and was using a radical new treatment called the Marshall Protocol, which had already shown phenomenal results with cases of sarcoidosis, getting people out of wheelchairs and off oxygen. Developed by Dr. Trevor Marshall in California, it focuses on eliminating pathogens that are able to evade the immune system by hijacking the controls of the innate immune system, and simultaneously allows the repair of the inflammation damage that has accumulated over the years.

Having to pay for a private alternative doctor in Vancouver and the medicines which are more than £100 a month, plus all my creditors became almost impossible. The charitable assistance provided by EBFAM has really helped me see the light at the end of the tunnel, and hopefully soon be able to get back on my feet so I can spread the word and one day assist others with such difficult conditions.