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Mobility and wheelchairs

"I've had my wheelchair for about ten weeks now. My legs are getting stronger but I still need lots of physiotherapy which can be really tiring. I wish I could walk again. The doctors say I should be able to walk again soon but it might take some time.

When I first got the wheelchair I used to cry. I didn't want to sit in it and I thought people would think I'm 'disabled'. The truth is, I'm not disabled, I can do lots of things in my wheelchair. It also means that I can get out of the house too.

My friends come around and we go for around the park which is great. I can still go out to the cinema and other things too. I never realised how having a wheelchair has to make you think about what you do. Some old buildings don't have wheelchair access and that can be really awkward sometimes, although things are improving.

People are getting more aware of the needs that people in wheelchairs have and the government has now made it the law to make sure that disabled people get the same fair treatment as everyone else.

I'm lucky because I know I will probably walk again. I've got more respect for people who have to use a wheelchair all of the time now."

