

## Paul's story

Paul was at work in December 2016 when he suffered a left hemisphere stroke, aged 53. He was thrombolysed and in hospital for 5 weeks.

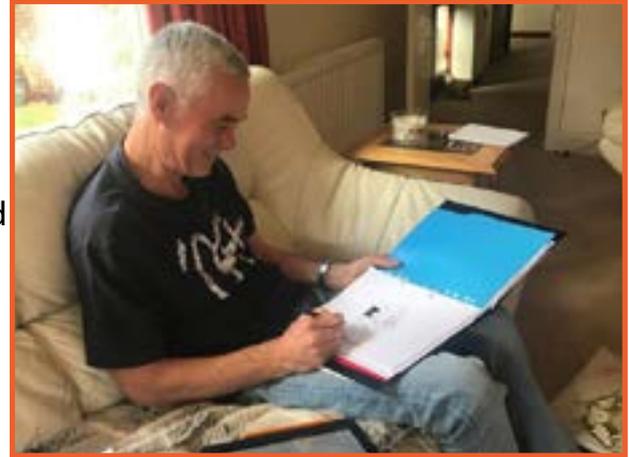
Unable to understand what his family were talking about and unable to read, he couldn't speak a full sentence and often said nonsense words instead of real words.

He has been coming to Hobbs Rehabilitation for Speech and Language Therapy for 6 months, 3 times a week.

He is now able to understand people when they speak with simple sentences. Using strategies that he has learnt and practised in his Speech Therapy sessions, he can now find the right word when he is speaking.

This means that **Paul can now join in with his family conversations...** rehab matters a great deal to Paul and his family. *"It's lovely seeing the [Speech Therapy] girls.....I've changed, I've got better... I have a lot of... again and I'm feeling a lot better.*

*I've got an awful lot still to do. Julie says I'm getting better, my problem is difficult but Julie shows me that it's getting better."*



Julie, Paul's wife, adds

*"Paul could not be where he is today without Hobbs Rehabilitation's help and support.*

*Speech therapy has had a big impact on his progress and ultimately his life."*