

Scoliosis boy climbing again without surgery

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A FIVE-YEAR-OLD boy whose adventures were threatened by a spine condition is back to his usual monkeying around – thanks to a new exercise regime.

Tyler King, of Ludlow, was told he would need a 12-hour operation to fuse his vertebrae and would be unlikely to have full flexibility in his spine again.

But thanks to his new exercise routine, Tyler's curved spine, caused by scoliosis, no longer gets in the way of his exploring.

His mother, Susan King, said she knew something was wrong when she noticed her son's shoulder blades protruding through his skin on one side.

X-rays showed he had scoliosis, a condition which causes the spine to excessively curve sideways.

It affects more than four per cent of the population and if left untreated can lead to fatal heart and lung problems.

Doctors suggested a major operation to insert metal rods either side of the spine before it is fused solid.

Clinic

But Susan could not bear to tell her son that he would not be able to climb anymore and began to look into alternatives.

She discovered Scoliosis SOS, founded seven years ago by Erika Maude, who has the condition herself.

Located in central London, it is the only clinic in the world to offer treatment following the ScolioGold method, a combination of non-surgical treatments, which have been practised separately in Europe for several decades.

After a four-week course of treatment, Tyler experienced relief from the aching around his shoulder blades and his mother could see the changes in his cosmetic appearance by the end of the first week. She also saw improvements in her son including reduced pain, improvements in his breathing capacity and a more symmetrical appearance.

But the main thing Tyler was concerned about was climbing.

Mrs King said: "Climbing has always been everything to Tyler, he hates being cooped up in the house and just loves being outside.

"His whole attitude to life changed when he was diagnosed with scoliosis, he just seemed to become so sad, I could see the life draining from him and it was such a devastating thing to see.

"The treatment was not easy as it was quite challenging to keep him motivated and obviously as he's so young his attention span was not the best, but the therapists were great and their hard work really paid off as the results are amazing and I feel like I have my little boy back. I really am so lucky that I found the clinic when I did."

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