Remote Story 2

I went to [regional hospital] when they first found out [about breast cancer] and had the operation there. Had to stay there for a month I think, and started chemo there and then finished the rest of the chemo in Perth and the radiation.

When I had my treatment I had to stay at [accommodation near hospital]. My partner, he come to Perth with me and stay there with me.

I just have check-ups every two years, I think. [The doctor in remote area] he's really good, yeah, coz he knows and yeah do the appointments and things. And now he do the diabetic too [laugh]. [Treatment] just tablets and he did a check and everything. We just have to go in and get it all checked and everything.

[Remote health centre], if you need any help, just go up there.

There's another little girl, my little granddaughter, she had that... She had cancer in her eye. Yeah, she's only two and she got her eye taken out. She's just finished her treatment with her mum and dad and needs to stay in Perth for about six months.

She's still down there but she be back. She had something where they pull the tube out from the thing... She had an abscess there, so they sent her straight back down to Perth.

[Health professionals need] to listen to the people and explain things more, so that they can understand more about it.

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