

Nana's ills 'are highly treatable'

A CITY charity today welcomed a storyline due to be shown in tonight's EastEnders about a character with a mystery illness.

Elderly Nana Moon will discover she has Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH).

In recent weeks, Nana has shown signs of dementia, but an expert from the Association of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (ASBAH), based in Park Road, said NPH was much more treatable.

Conor Mallucci, who sits on ASBAH's medical advisory committee, said: "Many people think that when older people have the combined problems of difficulty walking, forgetfulness and incontinence, they are suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease.

"But it's increasingly recognised that there may be a significant number of sufferers in whom such symptoms may not be initially associated with the diagnosis of NPH."