

Paralyzed

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teenager

Peel Biog - Bk

in therapy

Barbara Turnbull is finally beginning therapy at Lyndhurst Hospital after several weeks of delays spent at Sunnybrook Medical Centre because of bouts with viruses and high temperatures.

Iris Turnbull, the girl's mother, said Barbara was transferred to Sunnybrook for a brief period of time Sunday night for a high temperature but recovered quickly.

Barbara, who was paralyzed in a variety store shooting last September, also had the opportunity to visit her mother and sisters at home over the weekend.

"It gave us the opportunity to love her a lot and feed her a lot," Iris Turnbull said.

Barbara is undergoing range of motion therapy to keep her muscles in tone. Stretching exercises are being done on her fingers, arms, neck and legs. The teenager has partial movement of her shoulders.

She's also involved in occupational therapy, Turnbull added. She's learning to operate computers by using a stick in her mouth.