

AN EX-ARMY pipe sergeant last night had a successful sex-change operation.

Farquhar McIntosh a 48-year-old grandfather, underwent the operation in Glasgow's Royal Infirmary and woke up this morning to a new life with a new name — Ms Susan McIntyre.

The ex-sergeant's wife Elisabeth, 48, travelled with him from their home in the tiny village of Luib on the Isle of Skye to the hospital and returned home later to await news that the operation had been successful.

Mr McIntosh had waited for more than two years for the operation and had been undergoing a lengthy period of hormone treatment.

Neighbours of the couple, who have two daughters said Mrs McIntosh was staying with friends on the island, but they understood the operation had been successful.

"Susan seemed fine before she left for the operation," said one of them. "She had been accepted by everyone here."

The ex-Scots Guardsman said when he was preparing to undergo the sex change that his existence had become "a life-long nightmare".



■ Farquhar McIntosh . . . now Susan McIntyre.

■ Ex-Sergeant McIntosh.

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