

# Jailed woman's sex op dilemma

A Midland man who changed sex to become a woman 13 years ago wants to have the operation reversed.

Carol Crowther — formerly John Crowther — is serving a jail sentence at a women's prison for

burglary and says she feels totally out of place.

The operation was one of the first to be carried out on the National Health Service, but Crowther, aged 40, now believes it was the biggest mistake of her life.

When she comes out of jail in November she

hopes doctors will be able to partly reverse the operation so she can live as a man with former wife, Lilian Bywater, at their Kidderminster home.

She has already started using the name John again, and wears men's clothes and keeps her hair cut short.

Miss Bywater, of

Broad Street, said Carol was very unhappy at the women's jail and wanted to be moved to a men's prison.

"We realise that the operation can't be completely reversed, but his probation officer is going to speak to the doctors to see what can be done," said Miss Bywater, aged 29.

"He feels like a freak. He lost all his friends when he had the operation and now he regrets it.

"The other inmates at the prison are very unkind to him."

Before the operation in 1972 Carol was a married man with three children but the marriage ended in divorce.



Carol Crowther as she was after her sex-change operation.

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