

FOI REQUEST NUMBER: 5224

**PLEASE NOTE: The patient numbers referred to in this FOI response relate solely to patients treated in the NHS at the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust does not hold any information or patient records pertaining to Mr Paterson's private practice.**

**1. How many trust patients received so-called cleavage sparing mastectomy (CSM) by the surgeon Ian Stuart Paterson?**

1207 patients had a mastectomy procedure under the care of Mr Paterson. All the patients known to be alive (697) were invited to a recall clinic and 564 of these patients chose to attend.

Not the whole total mastectomy cohort of 1207 was invited; reasons being:

- Some patients had already discussed their treatment during their usual follow up appointment at the Trust
- Some patients were initially identified as being under the care of a different surgeon
- Unable to contact – e.g. patient moved abroad
- 387 of these patients were deceased

**2. How many of these CSM patients have been recalled by the trust?**

Between 2010 and 2012, 697 patients were invited to a recall clinic for examination and assessment.

**3. When did trust directors first inform trust governors that a recall of Ian Paterson's patients was underway?**

Reference was first made about a recall of Mr Paterson's patients in 2010. This was discussed at the Governors' Consultative Council 22.11. 2010.

The trust recently stated in FOI response number 5157 that it has reviewed Ian Paterson's outcomes and concluded:

***"The figures suggest that the outcomes for Mr Paterson's patients are not outside the expected norms"***

**4. How many of the patients who received CSM have subsequently experienced a recurrence of breast cancer?**

The number of patients in the alive mastectomy cohort who went on to develop a recurrence of their breast cancer is 68 patients.

**5. How many of the patients who received CSM, to the trust's knowledge, have subsequently died as a result of breast cancer recurrence?**

There has not been an analysis of the deceased patients to determine who may have had a CSM or other type of incomplete mastectomy; the Trust's efforts have been to focus on reviewing the patients who are alive to ensure that they are having the best individualised care and advice possible in these distressing circumstances.

**Please advise if the trust considers that Ian Paterson's outcomes in the CSM cases are within the expected norms for standard mastectomy, and any data that it relies upon to draw this conclusion.**

The analysis underway at the Trust is using data that has been collected and interpreted by the independent review team when determining whether a patient received adequate local treatment for their breast cancer. The review is not yet finalised.

**6. Please provide a copy of the terms of reference/ or equivalent records on the remit of the panel who in 2015 reviewed the cases of recalled trust patients, and a copy of any analysis or report provided to the trust by this review panel.**

Copy attached of the vMDT Terms of Reference.

Analysis of the data has not been finalised. This should be available by the end of June 2017.

**7. How many complaints by patients and families about Ian Paterson have been upheld by the trust?**

Between 2011- 2017 the Trust has recorded 90 complaints. However in addition to these complaints, a number of clinical claims were also received and settled by the Trust.

Complaints relating to IP	
2011	29
2012	43
2013	12
2014	1
2015	1
2016	1
2017	3
Total	90

- 8. To the trust's knowledge, how many trust staff in total have raised concerns about Ian Paterson's clinical practice and or his behaviour? If possible, provide the numbers of concerns raised by financial year, and broad details of the concerns raised.**

In 2003 consultant medical staff raised concerns about his clinical practice and his behaviour towards colleagues.

Further similar concerns were raised in 2007.

- 9. Were any of these staff who raised concerns about Ian Paterson subsequently suspended, disciplined or dismissed? If so, please indicate how many staff were suspended, disciplined or dismissed.**

No.