

Independent Inquiry into the issues raised by Paterson

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Independent Inquiry invites former patients of Ian Paterson to get in touch

In December 2017, the Government announced an independent inquiry into the malpractice of convicted surgeon Ian Paterson and what can be learned from the circumstances surrounding it.

The Independent Inquiry is inviting former patients of Ian Paterson and relatives of patients who have died, to get in touch to tell the Inquiry team what is important to them.

The Right Reverend Graham James, Chair of the Inquiry said: 'I am committed that the interests of all patients are at the heart of this Inquiry. We want to hear about the issues former patients of Ian Paterson and their families would like the Inquiry to consider, before its detailed terms of reference are finalised.'

'At this stage we will not be able to take detailed evidence about what happened and what needs to change. There will be opportunities later for that to happen. Today, we are asking former patients of Ian Paterson and relatives of patients who have died to get in touch with us, to draw our attention to issues they believe should be included in the complete terms of reference.'

The Government announcement said that the Inquiry would be informed by patients of Ian Paterson and their families, and would be likely to consider:

- the responsibility for the quality of care in the independent sector; appraisal and ensuring validation of staff in the independent sector and the safety of multi-disciplinary working;
- information sharing, reporting of activity and raising concerns between the independent sector and the NHS; and
- the role of insurers of independent sector healthcare providers (including sharing of data), and arrangements for indemnity cover for clinicians in the independent sector.

The Inquiry will consider issues raised in previous reports about Ian Paterson but it is not intended to revisit existing evidence about him, including the evidence that led to his conviction.

People can get in touch with the Inquiry through its website, www.patersoninquiry.org.uk by calling 0207 972 1295 or by emailing enquiries@patersoninquiry.org.uk.