



HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

8th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 28 February 2012

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 1.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Adam Ingram will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **PIP silicone breast implants:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Alison Smith, Chairperson, Scottish Independent Hospitals Association;

Miriam Watts, Director of Nursing, Spire Murrayfield Hospital;

Bruce High, Director of Nursing, Nuffield Health, Glasgow Hospital;

and then from—

Nicola Sturgeon, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy, Sir Harry Burns, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Sara Davies, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, and James White, Policy Officer, Scottish Government.
3. **Proposed Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
4. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda Item 2

Correspondence from Independent Healthcare Advisory Services HS/S4/12/8/1

PRIVATE PAPER HS/S4/12/8/2 (P)

Agenda Item 3

PRIVATE PAPER HS/S4/12/8/3 (P)

Agenda Item 4

PRIVATE PAPER HS/S4/12/8/4 (P)

[Correspondence from Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy](#) [HS/S4/12/8/5](#)

6 February 2012

Mr Duncan McNeil MSP
Convener of the Health & Sport Committee
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The Scottish Parliament
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Dear Mr McNeil MSP,

Re: PIP Silicon Breast Implants

Thank you for your letter dated 25 January 2012.

The IHAS represents seven Scottish acute independent healthcare providers, who form a group called the Scottish Independent Hospitals Association (SIHA).

I am aware that the three hospital groups which own these hospitals (BMI Healthcare, Nuffield Health and Spire Healthcare) have responded to you directly. The below collates and adds to the information you have already received.

The SIHA providers that undertook PIP implants are as follows:

BMI Carrick Glen Hospital	Ayr
BMI Kings Park Hospital	Stirling
BMI Albyn Hospital	Aberdeen
BMI Fernbrae Hospital	Dundee
BMI Ross Hall Hospital	Glasgow
Nuffield Health, Glasgow Hospital	Glasgow
Spire Shawfair Park Hospital	Edinburgh
Spire Murrayfield Hospital	Edinburgh

Number of breast procedures carried out where PIP implants were used:

BMI Carrick Glen Hospital	6 (Post 2001 & non-Transform patients)
BMI Kings Park Hospital	7 (Post 2001 & non-Transform patients)
BMI Albyn Hospital	0
BMI Fernbrae Hospital	0
BMI Ross Hall Hospital	5 (Pre 2001 & non-Transform patients)
Nuffield Health, Glasgow Hospital	16 – The Harley Medical Group
Spire Murrayfield Hospital, Edinburgh Spire Shawfair Park Hospital	'A little over' 800 between the two hospitals.

SIHA providers that **will** remove and replace PIP implants free of charge:

BMI Healthcare	BMI Healthcare will provide the required diagnostic imaging, removal and replacement to all patients who paid BMI Healthcare for their surgery and PIP implant from 2001 onwards at no cost to the patient.
Nuffield Health	Nuffield Health have promised to review, and remove and/or replace the implants in those patients who have a clinical need. This includes those patients who express a desire to have them removed regardless of whether they are experiencing difficulty or have damaged implants, provided they are fully informed.
Spire Healthcare	<p>Spire Healthcare is offering any Spire patient with such implants a free consultation with a consultant surgeon, and where recommended, a free scan (MRI or ultrasound).</p> <p>Where the patient wishes to do so, Spire is offering free removal and replacement of implants.</p> <p>Where patients do not wish a procedure, Spire is offering a free follow-up scan in two years time to check on the state of their implants. There is no time limit on the offer to remove and replace PIP implants.</p>

Instances where SIHA providers **will not** remove and replace PIP implants free of charge:

BMI Healthcare	For any patients who have had PIP implants inserted at a BMI hospital but paid a third party such as the Harley Medical Group, i.e. did not pay BMI, or who had surgery in another provider's hospital, BMI will remove and replace these at a discounted procedure price, to be paid either by the third party or the patient.
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For your information, Nuffield Health (Glasgow Hospital) has broken down its data into organisations that also use Nuffield; i.e. Surgicare and Transform:

Company	No. of PIP patients who have had implants inserted	No. of PIPs seen for OPD review in past 2 weeks	No. of PIPs scheduled to be seen for OPD review in next 2 weeks	No. who have had PIPs replaced at Nuffield Glasgow Hospital	No. scheduled to have PIPs removed/replaced
Surgicare	16	10	3	1	9
Transform	8	0	0	0	0
Nuffield	1	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	1	0

Transform and the Harley Medical Group also operate in Scotland:

The Harley Medical Group	Glasgow clinic opened in October 2012. No PIP implants used since 2010.
Transform	460-470 patients in Scotland. All operations performed in Scottish Hospitals in the period 2004/05. Transform is offering free consultation, free scan, free removal. For removal and re-augmentation, a non-profit fee of £2500 is being charged. All surgery to be carried out in Scottish hospitals.

I trust this information will be all that you require. Please do contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Taber
Director