

<b>Meeting title:</b>	Public Trust Board				
<b>Date of the meeting:</b>	8 February 2024				
<b>Title:</b>	Patient story – Gill's Story regarding breast removal and breast reconstruction				
<b>Report presented by:</b>	Julie Hogg, Chief Nurse,				
<b>Report written by:</b>	Sharon Wilkinson Senior Nurse Patient Experience				
<b>Action – this paper is for:</b>	Decision/Approval		Assurance		Update X
<b>Where this report has been discussed previously</b>	None				

<b>To your knowledge, does the report provide assurance or mitigate any significant risks? If yes, please detail which</b>
None

<b>Impact assessment</b>
N/A

**Purpose of the Report**

This patient story is told by Gill who was diagnosed with Breast cancer 5 years ago. Gill's Mum died from breast cancer. Gill made the difficult decision to have a double mastectomy but as cancer was only present in one breast Gill underwent a psychological assessment prior to this.

Gill had a difficult time coming to terms with her diagnosis which unfortunately had a negative impact on her mental health due to delays in treatment. Gill was scheduled for reconstructive surgery in 2020 but it was cancelled due to the pandemic, Gill eventually underwent surgery in 2022, this this story was recorded in late 2022.

Gill talks about being supported by both Meghan Sweeney (Nurse Specialist) and Claire Porter (Advanced Practice Lead).

Gill is present today with Claire Porter and Meghan Sweeney.

**Recommendations**

The Trust Board is asked to:

Listen to Gill's story:

- Participate in the conversation.
- Acknowledge Gill positive experience as a UHL patient.