

Patients treated by Dr Luliu Stan at the Royal Cornwall Hospital (Treliske Hospital) before September 2020: Further Frequently Asked Questions

What were Dr Stan's actions?

If you were treated by Dr Stan during this time it is possible that you were subject to inappropriate intimate clinical procedures. Examples of inappropriate intimate clinical procedures include pain relief being administered by the rectum, unnecessary urinary catheterisation, rectal examinations, testicular examinations or other touching of the genital area - the hospital accepts that Dr Stan was sexually motivated to carry out these procedures.

What should I do if I think I may be affected by Dr Stan's action?

If you think you have been affected by Dr Stan's actions then we encourage you to seek independent legal advice. See below "Seeking Legal Advice" for details of lawyers who will be able to help you.

Will I get caught up in litigation if I seek legal advice?

In this case, the hospital has admitted that Dr Stan's actions did not meet the standard of care patients are entitled to expect and receive, to address this they have set up a compensation scheme which means that any claims accepted into the scheme should be processed swiftly. You will still need to obtain your medical records but lawyers can help you with this, see below for more information on lawyers we recommend.

What is a compensation scheme (settlement scheme)?

It is a structured system for identifying whether damages (compensation) should be paid to you and if so, how much. A compensation scheme can often help resolve cases quickly and without the need to go to court. The compensation scheme in the Dr Stan cases will pay out damages to any individual who can show they were treated by Dr Stan and affected by his actions. If you accept damages under this compensation scheme, the money awarded is in full and final settlement of any claim relating to this matter either now or in the future.

What does full and final settlement mean?

If you settle a case in full and final settlement, it means that you accept the compensation (damages) offered and accept that you are unable to go back again at any point in the future, even if your symptoms get worse. You may find our [leaflet on settling claims](#) helpful.

How much will I receive by way of compensation?

The amount of compensation payable under the scheme varies from £12,800 to £71,300. The amount payable will depend on a number of factors such as the number of inappropriate intimate clinical procedures you had and if you were under 18 years of age at the time the treatments and procedures were given. The most relevant factor will be how this news has affected you, if you feel very anxious and/or traumatised by this news you may have or be in the process of experiencing a psychiatric injury for example, depression or post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), you may still be processing the information. If that is the case, you will need to undergo a psychiatric assessment, an AvMA accredited specialist lawyer can help and support you with this and explain the process.

More information on how damages/compensation is calculated can be found in our [self help guide](#).

Should I use the Compensation/Settlement Scheme?

There are pros and cons to using the scheme, on the plus side you should expect that the matter will be resolved quickly, you will need to submit a short document that confirms the details of when you were treated by Dr Stan to identify if you are eligible. You may not need legal advice to resolve your claim under this scheme, however, AvMA recommends that you speak to an AvMA accredited solicitor who has expertise and experience in acting for patients (claimants) in clinical negligence work. One of the negatives of using this sort of scheme is that your claim may be undersettled, for example, there is a risk that if you are experiencing serious psychological difficulties because of Dr Stan's treatment and this has prevented you from working then your claim may be more than £71,300.

How can I register for the compensation scheme? Contact rcht.litigation@nhs.net

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TIME LIMITS:

Closing date for registering with the Compensation Scheme: There is a closing date for registering any claim under this scheme, **the scheme will close on 13th March 2026**. It is therefore important that you register for the scheme or see a solicitor before this date. If you want to talk to someone about making a claim, how much your claim is worth, or if you miss this date please [contact AvMA](#).

Important time limits (limitation): If you do not want to use the compensation scheme and/or you did not register for the scheme before 13th March 2026, then you may have to issue proceedings. Proceedings need to be issued within three years of the event occurring, please see our [leaflet on time limits](#) for more information. Working out the limitation period can be complicated and you should seek independent legal advice for a definitive view of when your limitation period expires.

Most patients treated by Dr Stan will have received a letter from the hospital trust advising that you may have been affected by Dr Stan's actions. Providing you are not under 18 years of age, we understand that in these cases the three year limitation period will run from the date the patient received the letter (i.e. January 2024 or July 2024). This means you will have three years to bring a claim from the date of the letter. If you do not issue court proceedings within that time, then you will be out of time and risk being statute barred. This means that you will not be able to bring a claim, no matter how strong your evidence. The courts do have a discretion to extend time beyond the three years, but they rarely use this discretion, and you should not rely on it. If you are worried about the time limits, then you should seek independent legal advice as soon as possible.

SEEKING LEGAL ADVICE:

Please see our guide on things to consider when choosing a solicitor, [this guide](#) contains information on the importance of choosing an AvMA accredited solicitor. Some people understandably feel nervous about instructing a lawyer. [Our guide](#) on how to approach a lawyer for the first time may help you feel more confident about what to expect and how to prepare for that meeting.

AvMA is aware that some of our specialist Lawyers' Service member firms are already representing members of the public in the Dr Stan cases, those firms are [Enable Law](#) and [Coodes](#). Both firms have offices local to the hospital.

Our specialist clinical negligence panel solicitors can be found on our [Find a Solicitor](#) tool.