

News Release

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Reassurance for Hip Replacement Patients

Dorset County Hospital has reassured its orthopaedic patients following reports in the national press about problems with a number of metal on metal replacement joints.

Worried patients have been contacting DCH after hearing that those with DePuy ASR hip resurfacings are being recalled amid safety concerns.

However, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Mr Peter Ward has assured patients that these particular DePuy hips have never been implanted at DCH.

Mr Ward said: "Problems have been highlighted with this particular hip resurfacing where metal on metal wear debris causes local tissue damage.

"I can reassure our patients that we have never used this particular resurfacing at Dorset County Hospital. Furthermore, none of our total hip replacements have had metal on metal bearings.

"We have used another brand of metal implant for some hip resurfacing procedures, and as a precaution we have already contacted these patients. All our resurfacing patients are kept under regular review."

Any Dorset County Hospital patients who are concerned are invited to contact Mr Ward on 01305 255515.

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