



Giving a
voice
to people with
heart valve
disease

Background

Over 1 million people are affected by heart valve disease in the United Kingdom today.

The UK population is ageing – doubling the number of over 65s to 19 million by 2050 – that means heart valve disease is going to increase in the UK.

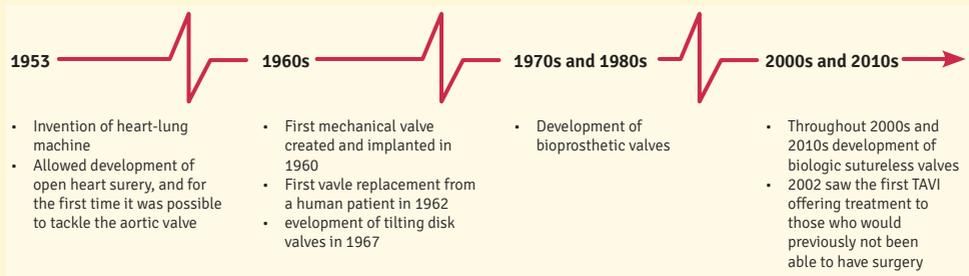
If severe aortic stenosis, a particular type of heart valve disease, is left untreated, there is a 50% chance of dying within two years of developing symptoms

The European Heart Health Survey, commissioned by Heart Valve Voice, found few people in the UK (less than 3% of people over the age of 60 years) are concerned by heart valve disease.

History



Innovation in heart valve disease surgery*



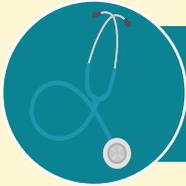
This evidence shows the UK persistently lags behind other European countries.

The UK had the lowest proportion reporting that their doctor checks their heart every visit out of all ten countries; just 10% of respondents said this was

their experience in the UK versus over 70% for France.

Evidence also demonstrates the differences in treatment according to where patients live within England.

The more we listen, the more lives we save



59% of those aged 60 - surveyed in the UK - say that their doctor rarely or never checks their heart with a stethoscope.

That positions the UK in ninth place out of ten European countries.

Inadequate use of the stethoscope, leading to under-diagnosis and late diagnosis in primary care, can limit treatment options - which can effect patients' lives.

Heart Valve Voice Key Calls to Action

Heart valve disease to be included in current strategies for cardiovascular disease.

The same level of surgical and transcatheter valve replacement as other leading European countries.

A wide reaching awareness campaign on the symptoms of heart valve disease and the importance of early diagnosis and treatment.



The same access to heart valve replacement treatment wherever a patient lives within the UK.

Sports Sector

Heart Valve Voice will be delivering heart valve disease check-ups at major sporting venues across the UK; including fixtures in the Premier League and for the England Cricket tours.

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