

British Hernia Society

Registry Update March 2026

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1. Welcome & Overview - A Message from the BHS Board

Dear Colleagues, Supporters, and Partners,

We are pleased to share this 2026 update on the **British Hernia Society Registry (BHSR)**, which has continued to grow at pace since becoming nationally operational in November 2024. Over the past year, the Registry has moved beyond its initial launch phase and into a period of *sustained national uptake*, marking a significant milestone in the Society's long-standing ambition to establish a comprehensive hernia registry for the UK.

What began as a strategic priority for the British Hernia Society has now become a functioning, expanding national platform, embedded across an increasing number of hospitals and surgical teams. This transition (from development, to launch, to routine use) reflects the collective commitment of surgeons, hospitals, patients, professional bodies, and industry partners to improving hernia care through high-quality, prospective data.

The **BHS Registry** has been deliberately designed to support real-world clinical practice, capturing data across the full spectrum of hernia surgery while incorporating patient-reported outcome measures. In doing so, it provides a foundation not only for quality improvement and safety monitoring, but also for future research, service evaluation, and informed patient decision-making.

Importantly, the Registry is now firmly established as a *major national project* of the British Hernia Society. Its continued growth and credibility are the result of sustained collaboration and support from across the surgical community and beyond. We are grateful to all those who have contributed time, expertise, participation, and funding to help the Registry reach this stage.

As the Registry matures, our focus remains on consolidating national engagement, supporting participating centres, and ensuring that the data collected delivers meaningful benefit for patients and clinicians alike. This update provides a snapshot of that progress and outlines the direction of travel for the coming year.

With thanks and best wishes,

The BHS Registry Sub-committee

On behalf of the **British Hernia Society** Board



2. Key Highlights

Strong National Uptake

- **256 surgeons** registered across 71 hospitals
- **Over 2,500** patient operations entered
- Representation across routine groin hernia surgery through to complex abdominal wall reconstruction

Registry Growth and Maturity

- Developed over **three years**, including structured piloting and Board-level testing
- Trialled using real-world data prior to national launch
- Fully operational since **1 November 2024**, following launch at the **BHS Conference in Oxford (2024)**

Increasing Trust Engagement

- NHS Trusts and hospitals across the UK are actively contacting the BHS to implement the Registry
- Uptake supported by evolving **UK and EU medical device legislation** and the growing importance of post-market surveillance

3. What the Registry Delivers

The BHS Registry is designed as a **long-term national resource**, collecting:

- **Prospective clinical data** across all major hernia types
- **Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs)**
- Data to support **safety monitoring, quality improvement, and research**

This combination positions the BHSR among a **small number of national hernia registries worldwide** capable of delivering clinically meaningful, patient-centred insights at scale.

4. Supporting Participation

To support engagement and usability:

- **“How-to” videos for surgeons** are available via the BHS website
- **Patient-facing information resources** have been developed and will be rolled out during 2026
- **Comprehensive Registry documentation**, including governance materials, is accessible online

These resources aim to make participation straightforward for both clinicians and patients.

5. Reporting and Looking Ahead

First Annual Report

- The **first BHS Registry Annual Report** will be published in **Spring 2026**
- Based on **nearly 2,000 datasets** from the first year of national operation
- Reports will be shared with Registry sponsors and stakeholders

Next Phase

Over the next **2–3 years**, the BHS aims to:

- Continue expanding national coverage
- Develop the Registry's **research and reporting capability**
- Work with partners to support progression towards a **mandatory national registry**

6. Thanks and Acknowledgements

We extend our sincere thanks to:

- **Surgeons and hospitals** contributing data
- **Patients** who have consented to participation
- **Industry partners** for their continued support
- **Royal Colleges, specialist societies, and national bodies** for their endorsement and collaboration

Together, these contributions are helping to build a **world-leading hernia registry** with the potential to improve outcomes for patients for decades to come.

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