Diane Killman Theatre Manager

"I think this never event shows that our surgeons need to sort themselves out. We had a similar event with a retained pathology specimen a few weeks ago. The surgeons were supposed to investigate – but no-one was held to account. I'll be getting it in the neck from the new chief exec meanwhile as it happened again on my watch!

I've spoken to the staff involved – they were trying to do their best on the day – but the surgeon didn't follow protocol. It seems like a fairly open and shut case to me. He clearly deviated from acceptable practice and should be dealt with by the GMC."

Notes:

• **GMC** is the General Medical Council, a public body that maintains the official register of medical practitioners within the United Kingdom.