



Having had Aortic Stenosis, probably from birth, I've always had an annual check-up via my local cardiologist. Struggling to get insurance for my daughter's wedding in New York was starting to cause concern.

'Inflexibility with the NHS left me no choice but to go privately'

I looked at my options and contacted the "high street" providers who, again could not provide a solution. I wrote to Dr. Antoinette Kenny at HeartScan, explaining my predicament, and received a phone call the next day, she offered me an appointment that lunchtime, which I accepted.

'The echo was exceptionally thorough. Taking about 3 - 4 times longer than my NHS echo. It was interesting and refreshing to see the interaction between Antoinette and her colleague, Barry, who both discussed with me what they were doing'

I received the results of the scan within 24 hours, this allowed me to arrange health travel insurance and attend my daughter's wedding, which is something you cannot put a price on.

Surprisingly I also got my insurance cheaper because I had a more up to date diagnosis.

'The echo indentified a significant change in my Aortic valve which gave me the impetus to discuss surgery with a cardiologist'

I had a successful replacement aortic valve operation in January 2017 and I am now back to work, going to the gym 3 - 4 times a week and walking between 5 and 7 miles a day.

'Had I not had that very thorough echo with HeartScan, I am not sure I would have been fit enough to undergo surgery by the time I had my next annual review'

'This whole experience has put a different perspective on life, I cannot recommend HeartScan, Dr. Kenny and her team too highly'

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