

Twelve years for family GP who used secret camera inside James Bond-style wristwatch to film himself abusing 'up to 300 patients'

- **Dr Davinder Jeet Bains, 46, worked as a GP in Royal Wootton Bassett**
- **He filmed attacks on spy watch likened to something out of a 007 film**
- **Police recovered 361 video clips from Bains's watch and home computer**

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Locked up: Family doctor Davinder Jeet Bains has been jailed for filming intimate examinations of his patients on a hidden spy camera

A family doctor who used a secret camera inside his James Bond-style wristwatch to record himself abusing female patients was jailed for 12 years today.

Dr Davinder Jeet Bains, 46, used his position as a GP at a medical practice in Royal Wootton Bassett, near Swindon, Wiltshire, to assault dozens of his female patients.

Bains filmed the attacks on his Tieex 4GB Waterproof Spy Watch, which has been likened to something out of a 007 film.

It has a built-in camera on the face - with simple on and off buttons to record - and can be bought on the internet for less than £60.

When detectives arrested Bains at the Tinkers Lane Surgery they discovered his hi-tech wristwatch and later recovered 361 high-quality video clips from the watch and home computer. At Swindon Crown Court today, Bains was jailed for 12 years after he admitted dozens of charges against him for attacks against 27 women.

Around 3,000 potential victims were contacted by police officers but the exact number is thought to be 'close to 300' – aged between 14 and 51.

Passing sentence, Judge Field told Bains he had breached the trust patients put in their doctor. 'When you committed these offences you breached this duty of trust in the most grievous way,' he said.

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'You are a disgrace to the medical profession.'

The police investigation began in June last year when a 19-year-old woman told officers she thought Bains filmed her as she showered and said she had been sexually assaulted by him in Swindon.



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One of the watches containing a tiny camera, which can be seen at the bottom of the clock face, which Davinder Jeet Bains, used to film his patients

After arresting Bains and discovering the watch, detectives found it had a tiny lens in the place of the number six. Some of the graphic clips are up to 45 minutes long and had at some point been downloaded onto his laptop. Investigating officers were left staggered that Bains managed to get away with his sexual abuse for so long. Until police were tipped off about his secret filming by a female lodger at his home, nobody complained about him. Those he targeted overlooked moments of strangeness for fear of upsetting the delicate doctor-patient relationship.

During the sentencing today, Judge Field told Bains that, regarding one of the victims in particular - a teenage girl - he was in a 'high position of trust' when he covertly filmed her.

'I THOUGHT HE WAS BEING THOROUGH': ORDEAL OF 21-YEAR-OLD VICTIM



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Disturbing: The disgraced doctor also had this watch containing a small camera

Many victims of the doctor thought his behaviour was strange but feared upsetting the delicate doctor-patient relationship.

One 21-year-old victim told the Daily Mail of her horrific experience.

She went to see Bains in May last year after experiencing vaginal bleeding following sex with her partner. She was offered an appointment with Bains. The surgery had no female doctors and, because of the intimate nature of the problem, she decided to take her mother with her. 'He asked me why I was there and I explained briefly. He started asking very strange questions. My mum and I were looking at each other, a bit taken aback.'

Bains told Kate - not her real name - that he would need to examine her. 'I had expected that,' she said, 'so I'd prepared myself. He asked if I wanted my mum to leave, and I said yes.' Bains disappeared for a couple of minutes, telling Kate not to get undressed until he returned. She says: 'I assumed it was normal procedure before a patient undressed — that maybe he was closing blinds somewhere, or locking a connecting door in case someone came in.' When he came back, locking the door behind him, Bains told Kate to undress. He did not pull the examination bed curtain around her, close the blinds or offer her any privacy. 'He watched me getting undressed,' says Kate. 'He was very quiet. I felt very uncomfortable. I was trying to pull my top down so he wouldn't see. But I didn't know what was normal. He put some gloves on and asked me to get up onto the bed. He said he was going to do a visual examination and that if there was anything he didn't like the look of, he'd take a sample.'



Police found 361 high-quality images of Dr Bains abusing female patients at Tinkers Lane Surgery in Royal Wootton Bassett near Swindon, Wiltshire

For the next 20 minutes, Bains 'examined' Kate, filming himself all the time. 'It was a long, long time,' she says. 'but I just thought he was being thorough.'

Her mother assumed that they were talking and had not realised how long he had been intimately examining her daughter.

Kate remembers that he was shaking and seemed very nervous. At the end of the consultation, Bains gave Kate the all-clear and told her to get dressed.

Her mother said: 'When she came out of the room, I commented on how long it had taken and she said she'd never felt so degraded in her life. I remember saying "Welcome to our world", because all women have to endure that kind of thing at some point. I feel so stupid now.'

'In serious breach of that trust you engaged in entirely inappropriate sexualised behaviour with her, including plying her with alcohol and showing her a sexually explicit film,' the judge said. 'You then sexually abused her. Fortunately she reported her concerns to a friend and thus supported, she reported matters to the police.'

'Once the police had commenced their investigations they discovered your computer and found these videos which showed you had been conducting intimate examinations of a large number of female patients from July 2009 to June 2012 and had covertly videoed them while doing so.'

'You of all people will be aware that the relationship between a doctor and his patient is of fundamental importance in the practice of medicine.'

'In this relationship the doctor is placed in a very high position of trust and the patient is entitled to expect the doctor to discharge that duty with the highest standard.'

'This is particularly so when a female patient consults a male doctor on intimate matters.' Bains, from Swindon, committed offences against 27 women - aged from 14 to 51 - between July 2010 and May 2012.



Detective Inspector Mark Garrett, of Wiltshire Police, holds up the hi-tech wristwatch used by the disgraced GP

He admitted a total of 39 charges: 13 of assault by penetration, 13 of voyeurism, 11 of sexual assault and two of sexual activity with a child.

He also asked for a further 65 offences - 10 of sexual assault by penetration, eight of sexual assault and 47 of voyeurism - to be taken into account when Judge Douglas Field passed sentence. His not guilty pleas to three charges of sexual assault and a single count of administering a noxious drug with intent to commit a sexual offence were accepted by the Crown and will lie on file. Bains left Malaysia at the age of 21 to study medicine at university in India, which is where his Sikh family was originally from, and graduated from Kasturba Medical College, an affiliate of Mangalore University.

He is still registered with the Indian equivalent of the UK's General Medical Council, the Medical Council of India, which oversees doctors.

According to the MCI's Code of Medical Ethics, 'A physician should be an upright man. He shall keep himself pure in character and be diligent in caring for the sick; he should be modest, sober, patient.' As well as working as a locum GP, Bains worked in three different surgeries in Wiltshire after completing his three-year training as a GP registrar in February 2007. He worked at New Court surgery in Wootton Bassett between 2007 and 2008, at Rowden Surgery in Chippenham in 2008, and moved to Tinkers Lane in June 2008. Police swooped on Bains at Tinkers Lane Surgery in June last year, bursting into his consulting room so that he had no time to get rid of the camera watch he was wearing.