**Biography (The people who made me) Rosie Stanton: Consultant Breast Cancer and Breast Reconstruction Surgeon Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust**.

I trained at Cambridge and then Barts and The London School of Medicine. I was inspired to become a surgeon during my house job with Tom Dehn (consultant Upper GI surgeon) at The Royal Berkshire Hospital (RBH) in 1998. He phoned me at 4.30 every single afternoon for 6 months to check on his patients, and on the back of this diligence, passion for training and energy, I ditched my medical aspirations and completed SHO and Registrar jobs in the Oxford deanery. I trained part time through several iterations of the ISCP curriculum and at the end of it all spent a year with Brendan Smith (RBH), post CCT.

Tom and I both had very serious encounters with the inside of our own hospitals in 2016. He with a severe life changing stroke and I with breast cancer, 4 operations, sepsis, haemorrhage, kidney damage and a permanent long thoracic nerve palsy. We spoke every day during our internment. Neither of us enjoying the experience greatly!

At the end of this treatment, I went to the Nottingham Breast Unit, where I worked with the most inspirational group of surgeons and breast care nurses. Oncoplastic clinics and theatre lists were everywhere, and I healed my head by learning. Here, the aesthetics of surgery were drummed into me, and my difficult questions were answered, tirelessly, by Douglas Macmillan, Steve McCulley and Kristian Asgeirsson. We were three fellows: two general surgeons and a plastics trainee, Georgette Oni. We now ring each other regularly too.

I started as a consultant in Basingstoke and Winchester hospitals in 2017 with a sense that everything needed to happen very quickly. My experiences as a patient, two fellowships and a protracted part time training, had cleared up any uncertainty about how I wanted to practise breast surgery. I have found an enormous amount of support and enthusiasm in Hampshire and have been able to develop my own part of the oncoplastic service. We have merged our MDTs and have driven complex oncoplastic day surgery forward across the unit. I would like to thank my consultant colleagues for their friendship and for their help, my breast care nurses for being so open to change, our excellent day case unit. And thank you to my excellent secretary, Sharron Freeman, for being there for everything our patients’ and our unit need.