

*My name is Jennifer Forde, and I'm a documentary producer currently working on an audio-only podcast series about the Ian Paterson case. I worked for many years in documentary television, mostly at the BBC, but recently began making podcasts and have since made two global hits - one for Audible, called 'West Cork', about an unsolved murder in Ireland. Our company website is [www.yarn.fm](http://www.yarn.fm) where you can find some reviews of our work and a bit more about who we are.*

*I appreciate that there are enormous sensitivities around the Paterson case, and that the road to where we are now has, no doubt for most of you, been long and painful. But if you would consider revisiting it for us we'd love to hear from you. Our aim is to tell this story over multiple episodes, with the detail and depth and sensitivity that is necessary in order to be respectful to those most deeply affected by it, but also to give the listener a proper understanding of why and how something like this happened. The hope is that through that understanding we can help to push for the changes needed to make sure that it can't happen again.*

*We take many months to put together our work, and we strive where possible for people to speak for themselves. Though we have the various reports that have come out over the years which are incredibly helpful, there's no substitute for hearing from people first hand and we don't like putting words in peoples' mouths. I feel this is particularly important when it comes to women's stories, which have so often been told by other people. I feel that the key to this working will be to flood people's headphones with your stories. And the beauty of this being audio-only is that you can remain anonymous if that's important to you.*

*When we started our series in Ireland 'West Cork', we couldn't be sure who would speak to us and indeed were warned that many wouldn't. In the end we interviewed close to 100 people and the series was widely praised for its balance and depth of reporting. I very much hope that this sounds like something that you might be open to exploring in principle. Please be assured that all initial contact will be treated as exploratory and confidential, for my own background research only. I would love to give you a chance to ask questions - about who we are, and about what taking part would involve.*

*I can be reached on the email address [jenniferpforde@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferpforde@gmail.com), or on the mobile number 07906 893 823, and would, of course, be delighted to hear from you.*

*All the best and many thanks for your time, Jennifer.*