

'Lottery' fears on treatment

Breast cancer kills 300 women a week in Britain, a statistic which has sparked criticism of the medical care which victims receive. Health correspondent **Louise Zucchi** investigated the services they get in Norwich.

THE figures are grim.

One in 12 women gets breast cancer, and two out of three of those will eventually die from it.

In the Norwich health district alone the condition kills about 150 women every year.

The issue was the focus of a hard-hitting TV documentary which accused

the British medical system of failing women.

The BBC Panorama programme suggested that breast cancer treatment was like a lottery, with the success in individual cases depending entirely on the skills of the GP and specialist involved.

I asked doctors and their patients about services in Norwich.

■ Anyone wanting help and advice on breast cancer can contact

THE SURGEON

JOHN Colen is one of three surgeons at the Norfolk and Norwich who between them carry out about 600 breast

He says it is impossible to come up with uniform guidelines on treatment because there are so many different

"There is no one right way to treat breast cancer" he said. "There are different forms of the disease that all behave in