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We have been asked to email yourselves re our horrific relationship with Mesh, up until 6 years ago I was a healthy lady, mother of 3 and a wife who worked full time, I became unwell and uncomfortable and was diagnosed with a cystocele and was told that this could be rectified by a simple quick operation. Post op I mentioned to my surgeon that I couldn't hold my feces I was messing myself he said things will settle down don't worry, 6 months post op check mentioned this again was examined and told I had thinning of the anal wall was sent for investigation and eventually had to undergo surgery to have a sacral nerve stimulator fitted under the skin in my left buttock this works the muscles for me. Two years ago I started to feel extremely tired, confused and in terrible pain, getting out of bed hurt so much standing on my feet felt like my leg muscles were going to snap and so much pain I couldn't do simple tasks of lifting a saucepan as my grip had gone and I would drop things my arms and wrists were so painful and weak, I was sent to have tests done for carpal tunnel, arthritis and lots of other things all negative given pills and told I had fibromyalgia and to get on with it but sadly that wasn't it I have been happily married for almost 30 years but the last 2 there has been very little sexual activity none in the last year a sit made me cry and my husband was getting constantly cut he said it was like being a piece of cheese on a grater. My external vaginal area was constantly covered in broken sores and had trouble sitting work was becoming impossible I class myself as one of the lucky ones I had my coil removed in May this year, I asked my nurse to check me as I could feel something cutting my insides and it hurt to walk she said she could see and feel my mesh it had eroded through the vaginal wall, she referred me and in August I had it removed and my bladder restitched at the same time. I am 4 weeks post op have had set backs and return to hospital but the amazing thing is my legs are pain free, my wrists and arms also the only pain I have is post op pain my external vaginal area I see like a baby's smooth skin no lumps, cracks, sores or scabs WHY NO MORE MESH is inside me poisoning my body. This should be banned and not used bring back surgeons who can actually operate who can stitch and not just use mechanical type kits as an alternative BRING BACK PROPER PROCEDURES.

The mesh was originally introduced to save money all it has done is ruin lives and cost the NHS thousands BAN THE MESH BAN CRUELTY TO HUMANS