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Joy Clarkson submission of 27 September 2017

I had mesh used for incontinence and a prolapse in December 1999. Ever since then I have had bowel and bladder problems.

In January 2011 I found I started getting a dreadful smell and staining on my undies. No-one thought about the mesh.

I have only found out what is causing all of my problems four months ago when I saw a segment on the TV.

I now know that the mesh used for the incontinence has eroded and has cut through my vagina wall, another piece has gone down into my rectum and the mesh used for the prolapse is now wound around my bowel.

I have continual trouble with my bowels and my urine, a dreadful staining on my undies and a fowl smell. I have little relief from pain in my pelvic area, buttocks and a cutting pain in my groin.

In January 2014 I was diagnosed with a nasty autoimmune muscle disease called Polymyositis. The specialist thought something else was going on in my body but didn't know what. He now believes it was my body trying to fight off the toxins from the mesh. This muscle disease has reeked havoc on my body, affecting the muscles in my throat, heart and digestive system as well as my limbs. I now have to take several medications as well as Norspan patches, and I can't have surgery of any kind because of the muscle disease.

I need to use a walking frame to get around and have someone do my housework and help with shopping. Physically my future looks bleak. I will most likely have to have bags for my waste and go into residential care. I cannot sit, walk or stand for longer than ten minutes. Driving the car is extremely painful.

My costs for health care would total many thousands.

I want to urge the powers that be and have control over the use of this rotten stuff to ban it from being used.