

**PE1517/00**

Marilyn Weir submission of 24 August 2017

As the recipient of a Mesh Device in 2003, I have experienced complications which have lasted for the last 14 years. I would therefore like to express my concerns regarding the publication of the Mesh implant Final Report.

An Independent Review was set up in 2014 by Mr Neil into the Safety and Efficacy of Transvaginal Mesh Implants.

The resignation of four members of the Review group, Dr Wilkie, Chairperson, Dr Agur, Clinical expert, and two patient representatives, should have raised serious doubts about the openness of this report. The appointment of a current employee of an NHS Board (Dr Gillies of NHS Lothian) resulted, in my opinion, in the loss of independence of the review.

The Final Review was published with vital evidence removed or withheld, and without the backing of all representatives who were involved in the Interim Report.

I attended the Scottish Parliamentary Committee meeting in May, and having listened closely to the Report findings, I found that it has done nothing to reassure me.

Having worked as a Senior Nurse Practitioner within the Health Service for 40 years, I cannot understand why a Mesh product that has been the cause of so many life changing injuries is still being used, when there are safer alternative procedures.

I would like to thank the Committee for this opportunity to express my views.