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Sheila Cassidy submission of 21 September 2017

My name is Sheila Cassidy and I had mesh implanted in 2004 not realising the implications this would have on my life. I was assured that this operation was safe and would stop my leakage. From 2004 I had unexplained back pain and pain in groin and infections. When I was seen by consultant was told I was retaining urine and if I took daily antibiotics that would stop the problem. I still had infections over the 13 years I was on these tablets and over the years my health has deteriorated. I was never seen by the consultant again and according to bcus I should have been checked on yearly. Never happened!

In 2010 my pain was put down to gallbladder and gallstones both removed and my health continued to deteriorate. Auto immune disease was diagnosed and put on various tablets and not only did the rheumatoid arthritis get worse so did my movement and the back pain and groin pain worsen to the stage I had to take early retirement. I was continually sweating at nights and during the day to the extent that my hair was like I had just come out of the shower. I was still attending the doctor and asked if my symptoms were mesh related he said no this situation went on for another year until I happened to read an article on mesh survivors. My symptoms to a tee. Went to doctor for a referral not an easy thing to do.

Now I cannot walk more than 20 yrd need stick for support have no quality of life in pain all the time bloating, sweating and now I have 2 large indents on either side is my stomach where the mesh is pulling my flesh inwards. I am waiting for an appointment for Edinburgh to see consultant for removal of this mesh that has destroyed my life and still is every day I have to wait to be seen. Then every day until removal then the worry of the destruction of my life. Please hear our voice and continue the suspension in Scotland until there is more data