

PE1517/SS

Susan Doyle submission of 9 August 2017

I am currently a member of Scottish Mesh Survivors group who has taken part in the petition PE1517. I would like to have my voice heard with regards to the recently published white wash that was apparently an independent review.

I am currently lying in bed its midnight and like most night can't get any sleep due to pain caused by mesh tape implants I've had fitted in 2009 and again 2014. Removal has not been possible and like so many other women I've had partial removal that has only caused more pain.

I wrote to the health secretary with regards to how much this has affected my life due to no longer working lost my home my fight for benefits and the embarrassing message I received from dwp telling me to go to a foodbank to feed my family. As I had worked all my life never once claiming any benefits I had to quit my job after 25yrs service with nothing no pension no redundancy left with not enough to keep me and my family. This left me in a very bad place mentally and I have lost all confidence I once had. I'm a shell of my former self. I received a letter from health secretary Shona Robison sympathetically apologising for the effect this has had on me and my family and was assured she would do all she could to help our situation and asking for my permission to use my email as part of the review when published. I was happy to do this as I thought this would help others going through what we all have.

I am now regretting my decision as the review was a white wash as you all know and I would never have concented in this had I known this is what it would have come to just another thing to add to my misery. I hope this will be amended in our current review of the last review and this mesh will be banned and never used in any other women worldwide.

Someone must be accountable for this disaster that has caused so much misery. Please just help us get our voices heard and stop using this poison implant in our future generation our lives are over because of this. Just make a decision that will help our future generations and ban this now.

Thanks to all MSPs who have helped our petition come a long way we couldn't have done this without you all.

The world awaits our next review let Scotland lead the way

Hear our voices – ban mesh now.