

## **PE1517/UU**

Norma Roberts submission of 29 August 2017

As a Mesh victim I would like to submit my opinion on the whitewash which was the so-called independent review.

I would like to know why there are so many differences between the interim report and the final report. There were many omissions and the two reports bore very little similarities. Why, when Elaine Holmes and Olive McIlroy decided they wanted no part in this whitewash and that their input be deleted, was this not done. When the new chairperson took over, following the unexpected departure of Dr Wilkie, she stated that she had been "flung in at the deep end". This tells me that she was under prepared to take on this role. So why agree to it in the first instance??

I believe that following the omission of important data, this is leaving more women exposed to mesh damage. Why is this being allowed to happen? When is the Scottish Government going to actually stand up and support our women, instead of putting more at risk and causing more work and financial burden to our NHS?

Why are you condoning putting this plastic material into the human body. A product which is inert and not suitable for implantation. A product, which in the USA, they agree was never tested for this purpose! It beggars belief that you value our lives so little that you continue to allow this to be used.

Surely the fact that 97 MSPs signed our pledge supporting our cause, speaks volumes.

I can only hope that the person in charge of reviewing the problems with the review sees it for the waste of paper it really is!!