

# Marion Garland submission of 2 February 2022

## PE1865/CCCC - Suspend all surgical mesh and fixation devices

It is with dismay that I see a 2 year, £3.5 million pre vat contract to include increased costs for Flat Mesh, Intraperitoneal Mesh and Fixationable Devices (Absorbable & Non-Absorbable) being rubber stamped by the Scottish Government while this petition is gathering evidence.

I do understand that the NHS will need certain products even to carry out normal stitched operations but to buy in bulk, mesh products where no safe information on the numbers adversely affected long term would seem to undermine patient safety concerns that are being brought before the Parliament with this petition.

Does this contract include "new" mesh products that have no long term safety data and/or are being trialled here on us.

Does this contract imply Government consent that these new products can be used on our citizens without proper safeguards in place,

I would urge the committee to research that mesh damage will cost more long term to our NHS and will lower the surgical standards of those who use it.

In the words of Alex Neil former SNP Health Secretary the official advice provided by official advisers about mesh was the only time in his long career he doubted he was being told the truth.

[Alex Neil: I chose to suspend mesh surgery ops because I did not trust official figures - Daily Record](#)

The same kind of people are still supplying you with information. Please research and do not rely solely on what you are being instructed to accept as the truth from said advisors.

I hope that the committee finds for patient safety, regulation, proper record keeping and patient involvement and is not hampered by those who profit from mesh.

Scottish Citizens need protected.