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Dear Dame Jackie,

Committee scrutiny: Complex Mesh Surgical Service

Thank you for your letter of Monday, 15 May 2023, in which, on behalf of Norma Roberts, you ask the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee to consider inviting members of the Scottish Mesh Survivors Facebook Group to give evidence as part of its scrutiny into the Complex Mesh Surgical Service (CMSS).

The Committee agreed to undertake specific follow-up scrutiny of the CMSS to assess how well it is operating and areas for ongoing improvement, following issues raised in its previous scrutiny, earlier in the session, of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill. This scrutiny of the CMSS was informed by the Committee's previous engagement with affected women and by responses to a detailed survey where women were asked about their experiences of the CMSS to date¹.

The Committee's primary purpose in carrying out its scrutiny of the CMSS has been to highlight issues to those responsible for delivering the service and to explore what is being done and what further can be done in the future to improve the Service so it is properly meeting the needs of patients.

Following this scrutiny, the Committee has today written to the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health to set out its concerns and recommendations [<https://www.parliament.scot/-/media/files/committees/health-social-care-and-sport-committee/correspondence/2023/experiences-of-the-complex-mesh-surgical-service.pdf>]. The Committee will consider its next steps once the Minister has responded to this letter.

¹ The Committee received 75 responses to its call for views and published an anonymised summary of those responses here: [CMSS Call for Views Responses](#).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHaughey', enclosed within a light grey rectangular border.

Clare Haughey MSP

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