



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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Dear Survivor,

As we near the end of what has been a universally tumultuous year, I would like to take the chance to address you directly.

What you have been through is an outrage. No-one should have to suffer physical and emotional pain because of a procedure they were reassured would increase quality of life. You deserve so much more, and I am so sorry that you have been successfully let down by the governments who are supposed to protect you.

Despite the dedication and hard work of campaign groups such as Scottish Mesh Survivors, the government is failing to give you and other survivors of the mesh implants the recognition and support that is deserved.

This is one of the worst medical scandals in the history of Scotland a £1000 compensation payment is simply not enough. I, and indeed everyone across the Liberal Democrats, are deeply frustrated by the lack of action taken by this government and its failure to treat this scandal with the gravity it needs.

Please be assured that although this year may be drawing to an end, neither myself nor my party will allow your voices and those of all mesh implant survivors to be drowned out. I will campaign for remedial services of the transvaginal mesh services on the basis they must be available free of charge on the NHS. Further, I will campaign for a guarantee that world leading physicians are brought in to ensure nothing like this is able to happen again.

I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable festive period, and a very happy new year. I look forward to working with all of you in 2021 and beyond to ensure we achieve justice for all survivors of the mesh implant scandal.

Yours sincerely,



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