



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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Dear Scottish Mesh Survivors,

It has been a very strange year for us all with the emergence of COVID-19 and the various restrictions placed on our way of life.

Regrettably, Christmas celebrations will be different to normal but it is important that we can still prise as much joy as possible from the holiday period.

It has been another eventful year on issues relating to mesh and in Spring, there was some positive news when the Scottish Government confirmed a fund was being established to support women who have suffered complications from surgery. This means women who have suffered from the devastating effects of faulty mesh procedures in Scotland can make an application to receive an individual compensation award of £1,000.

Sadly, the desired result has not been achieved in bringing the St Louis based mesh removal expert, Dr Dionysios Veronikis to Scotland and the handling of the matter by government officials has been disastrous.

Therefore, the best Christmas present that the Scottish Government could offer to mesh survivors is a commitment that the NHS will fully fund the costs for all women in Scotland who choose to visit him in the United States to undergo full mesh removal surgery.

I have made this point directly during proceedings in parliament and it is an issue that the Scottish Government must deliver on.

I hope every Scottish Mesh Survivor has a wonderful Christmas and I offer my best wishes for the New Year.

Kind Regards,

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