



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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Dear Scottish Mesh Survivors,

It has been another challenging five years in the fight for justice and it has been my honour to stand side by side with you all throughout the session of parliament that is drawing to a close.

All of you have fought tirelessly to highlight the suffering caused by faulty mesh procedures and deserve the upmost credit and respect for continuing to do so. If it were not for this outstanding campaign and the heroes who are part of it, we would not have seen progress such as the halt to mesh procedures announced in September 2018, the First Minister agreeing to meet face-to-face with mesh survivors in both Glasgow and Edinburgh and the establishment of a mesh fund to provide at least a level of financial compensation to the women who have lost so much to the greatest public health scandal of modern times.

Nonetheless, there are still a number of issues in relation to mesh that need to be monitored and pursued accordingly including fully funded treatment for women who choose to visit expert surgeon Dr Veronikis in the United States, the recently announced Case Record review and concerns that the existing ban in Scotland remains informal.

Over the course of the mesh scandal, I have worked closely on a cross-party basis with my parliamentary colleagues and fellow “Meshketeers”, Alex Neil and Neil Findlay. With Alex and Neil standing down at the end of the current session of parliament, I have to say it has been a great pleasure working with them on this key issue and their absence from parliament will be a huge loss to the mesh cause.

In my own case, I am seeking re-election and if fortunate enough to be returned to Holyrood in May, my commitment to fighting on behalf of the women who have lost so much because of mesh will not waiver and I will continue to act as your voice in parliament.

With all best wishes,

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