



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Dear all at The Scottish Mesh Survivors Group,

I can't believe it is 7 years since we met up and started working together on many issues surrounding mesh.

A lot has happened since then including:-

- The successful petition we submitted to the Petitions Committee
- The ban that wasn't a ban
- Parliamentary debates, motions and questions
- The "No mesh Whitewash" statement signed by over 100 MSPs
- The sham of the "Independent Review"
- Professor Britton's "Review of reviews"
- The suspension of mesh
- Steve Mostyn's tragic death
- The sad passing of a number of mesh survivors
- Meetings with Government Ministers and after 7 years of asking a meeting with the First Minister
- Numerous working group meetings
- Outstanding journalism from Marion Scott
- Awards recognising the campaign
- Dr Veronikis offering hope
- And most importantly fantastic and committed campaigning and new friendships built.

It has been an honour and privilege to get to know you all over this period. You have inspired me with your selfless commitment, ideas and drive; and reinforced my strongly held belief that we cannot simply sit back and accept unchallenged, what we are told by those in powerful positions. Only through campaigning, political pressure and activism outside and inside of Parliament can we get to the truth and ultimately drive real and positive change.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful festive season with your family, friends and neighbours – I hope we can all recharge the batteries and return ready to get stuck in in 2020.

Best Wishes

Neil Findlay MSP