

PE1517/GGGG

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport submission of 24 October 2017

Thank you for your letter of 28 September, concerning Petition PE1517 on polypropylene mesh medical devices.

Firstly, I can confirm that the Chief Medical Officer wrote to all Health Boards in May of this year to request that they review the literature that is available in hospital and primary care premises, in order to ensure that it is up to date.

With respect to information provided online, I am aware that NHS Inform has been in the process of reviewing and updating its [website](#), where a link has been provided to the current version of the stress urinary incontinence patient information leaflet. A link to NHS Inform's information has been added to the Scottish Government website.

As you know, the Scottish Government is presently working with Healthcare Improvement Scotland in order to establish a Mesh Oversight Group. The Group will work with Health Boards to ensure that the recommendations of the Independent Review of Transvaginal mesh are fully implemented and, as part of this work, will further consider the patient information that is available. Within that context, the Oversight Group will provide clinical support to NHS Inform, as it continues to review and develop its online material.