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to the Committee Secretary,
regarding the mesh implant. Thank you for giving
me the opportunity to have my say. I had the mesh
implant fitted on the 9th of May 2003 at the [REDACTED]
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I was not told of any risks associated with this
procedure, I was assured that it would greatly
benefit me, and would strengthen the operation with
much less risk of the prolapse recurring. So I was
happy to go ahead with it. However I quickly discovered
that this was an operation that never recovers from.

I was sent home with an infection and the mesh
breaking through the skin. None of this was explained to
me. I went back to the hospital feeling very ill, but
I was told things would heal and improve at home
with time. The mesh was never mentioned as a possible
problem, I had to find that out for myself later.

It has certainly changed my life. The pain and
discomfort has been with me every day. Often the
pain can be severe.

I have had many infections and
more surgery when the mesh was trimmed.

The mesh affects the bladder so I feel the need to urinate frequently. As a result I cannot sleep at night, sometimes getting up to go to the toilet every thirty minutes. The pain is like cystitis.

It's a great worry to me that I have to take strong pain killers and sleeping pills in order to cope, and what the result might be from taking them long term.

Of course sex is no longer as it was before the operation, and I have since been diagnosed with vaginal atrophy.

I worry about any future complications that could develop because of the mesh, I am now having bowel problems. I worry that in the future

I may have to have the mesh removed, which I believe is quite a big operation.

So it is an ongoing everyday problem that I unfortunately have to live with.

Yours sincerely