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Deputy Neasa Hourigan
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PQ 46763/22 - *To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a timeline for the full implementation of the Chief Medical Officer's report on The Use of Uro-Gynaecological Mesh in Surgical Procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Hourigan

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In July 2018, the HSE paused the use of vaginal mesh implants for the treatment of Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI) and Pelvic Organ Prolapse (POP) following the Department of Health Chief Medical Officer's report regarding Mesh surgery titled "The Use of Uro-Gynaecological Mesh in Surgical Procedures."

The 2018 CMO Report sets out 19 recommendations for the HSE to action in order to provide assurance that the use of mesh implants and the care of women requiring aftercare in Irish hospitals is in line with emerging evidence and best practice internationally, based on expert advice received and review of international experience.

The 19 recommendations are set out under four broad themes;

1. Patient Information and Consent
2. Aftercare for Women Suffering Complications
3. Clinical and Professional Recommendations
4. Information Recommendations

To date, of the 19 recommendations;

- The HSE has actioned 11 recommendations.
- 5 recommendations are in progress and,
- 3 recommendations are no longer required as part of the HSE implementation plan as they pertain to a service that will no longer be required / provided after the pause is lifted

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,



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