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Deputy Kathleen Funchion TD,
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To ask the Minister for Health what progress he has made in regard to a package of health supports for survivors of mesh surgeries; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Funchion,

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 2020 the National Women and Infants Health Programme (NWIHP) funded a multi-disciplinary National Mesh Complications Service across two acute centres; National Maternity Hospital (NMH) in Dublin, and Cork's University Maternity Hospital (CUMH). The centres provide expert specialist care to women requiring mesh removal. This is one service across two centres with both centres fully operational. Two full time administrators are in situ in the mesh complications service who support the service delivery and assisting the patients in navigating the pathways and services.

Women are referred to the National Mesh Complications Service by their primary Consultant or GP, or via the designated email pathway. Information on referral pathways to the Mesh Complications Service was circulated by the National Director of Acute Operations to all Hospital Groups. Additionally the National Clinical Advisory Group Leads (NCAGL) also shared the information for Primary Care to General Practitioners nationally.

These centres have clear dedicated multidisciplinary team (MDT) treatment pathways for women with post mesh complications. Patients are supported along their journey with the input of specialist physiotherapists, pain specialists, clinical nurse specialists and psychological counselling, as required.



Further information is available at the HSE and HPRA Vaginal Mesh Implant homepage:

HSE:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/acute-hospitals-division/woman-infants/vaginal-mesh-implants/>

HPRA:

<http://www.hpra.ie/homepage/medical-devices/special-topics/vaginal-mesh-implants>

The HSE webpage is currently under review with a view to updating information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nessa Lynch', written over a horizontal line.

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