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To ask the Minister for Health to outline what engagements he has had with a group (details supplied); when he expects the national vaginal mesh implant oversight group to reveal its findings; if he intends to put in place a scheme to fully redress the survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Barry,

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.

The National Vaginal Mesh Implant Oversight Group was established in 2023 to review the use of vaginal mesh implants in public acute hospitals in Ireland, following the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) report "The Use of Uro-Gynaecological Mesh in Surgical Procedures". The group is currently reviewing the CMO recommendations with a focus on presenting an update by year end 2023.

The HSE has not met with the group whose details were provided to date, however patient advocates currently sit on the Oversight Group and patient engagement is a key focus of the group.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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