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To ask the Minister for Health the number of vaginal mesh removals carried out in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; the number of retropubic implants (TVT) fully removed; the number of transobturator implants (TVTO) fully removed; the number of pelvic prolapse meshes (POP) fully removed; the number of other meshes fully removed with a description of the type of mesh (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

A key focus of the work of the group is to establish national standardized data collection and recording. This process is currently under review since the inception of the oversight group to develop the methodology for data collection in a collated and validated way by Specialist Analysts.

I trust this has been of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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