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Dr Wael Agur
By e-mail

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Dear Wael,

Thank you for agreeing to join a short-life working group tasked by the Cabinet Secretary to consider the care provided for women who experience complications following vaginal mesh surgery in Scotland. I chair this group and I am sorry it has taken me some time to write to you but as you know, my normal activities have been curtailed recently due to family illness. I am therefore grateful for your patience.

The Group met for the first time on 5th April 2019. I enclose a draft minute from that meeting for your information as well as relevant papers, including a remit, again in draft format. These documents will be released into the public domain once they are agreed but for now, I would ask that they are not shared or circulated outside group members.

As you know, you have been asked to represent the views of Scottish Mesh Survivors. This was discussed by the group when we met in April as detailed in paragraph 2 of the minute:

"2. The Chair informed members that Dr. Wael Agur had been invited to join the Group. He was nominated by the Scottish Mesh Survivors (SMS) following a request from the Cabinet Secretary to the interested MSPs. In this capacity as the nominated representative Dr Agur will act on behalf of SMS only. The views of NHS Ayrshire and Arran will be represented by their Accountable Officer. The Group accepted this appointment but felt it was important that Dr Agur confirms/ clarifies his position on the Group with his Health Board and obtains from them the necessary assurance of support if required."

Your position will have challenges and I wish to provide assistance where I can. In this respect, it is important that your Health Board appreciates the nature of your role and assures you of their support as your employer in this capacity.

Finally, I am sorry you cannot attend in person next Friday (May 10th) however, I wonder if you would be available to talk prior to the meeting, perhaps later on Thursday afternoon (May 9th) or early on Friday morning (May 10th)?

With very best wishes,

Terry O'Kelly

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