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Dear Colleague

On 17 May 2017 the Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee met to discuss the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh. A full transcript of the meeting is available from the Scottish Parliament website:
<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10958>

During the meeting, the Committee raised concerns that outdated patient and public information is available in some Health Board premises. I would therefore want to draw your attention to my report, Realising Realistic Medicine <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/02/3336/0>, which stated that "Clinicians can only practice 'realistically' with the full understanding and support of the people we care for and support, those who care for them and the wider public".

Up to date robust information is one of the keys to full understanding and shared decision making. I therefore request that, as a priority, you review the availability of literature concerning transvaginal mesh in your Health Board both in hospital premises and in primary care, ensure that it is up to date and reflects the current medical literature and findings of the Independent Review, and confirm to David.Bishop@gov.scot by 14 July 2017 that you have done so.

Yours sincerely

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