



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

3rd April 2024

Dear Constance,

RE: SODIUM VALPROATE AND PELVIC MESH

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns about redress for patients harmed by pelvic mesh and sodium valproate. I have read your comments carefully and with interest.

I would like to express my heartfelt sympathies to those affected. As you are aware, the Government asked the Patient Safety Commissioner, Dr Henrietta Hughes, to undertake work looking at redress for people harmed by pelvic mesh and sodium valproate. The work focused on the views of those affected, improving the understanding of how many people have been affected, and the case for redress and what form it could take.

The Patient Safety Commissioner's report, which was published on the 7th February this year, sets out the findings from this work. The Government is now carefully considering the report's recommendations and will respond substantively in due course - and I have emphasised your concerns on this issue directly to Ministers as they reflect on this.

Furthermore, as part of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency's ongoing monitoring of valproate safety, the Government will continue to rigorously review all emerging data on valproate.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

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