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Andrew Howlett  
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The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
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Dear Mr Howlett

**Scottish Parliament Public Petition PE1517 on Polypropylene Mesh Medical Devices**

Thank you for the opportunity presented to the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, by the Public Petitions Committee, to engage in the debate in relation to Polypropylene Mesh Medical Devices.

The College welcomes any work to improve standards in this area through appropriate regulation, however, it is the opinion of RCSEd that this issue is primarily a gynaecological one and, as such, we believe that other Colleges and Specialty Associations are better placed than RCSEd to provide expert input into this particular debate.

Yours sincerely,

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