Background

The Scottish Government has requested that Healthcare Improvement Scotland establish an independent oversight group for the use of transvaginal mesh implants in Scotland. The transvaginal mesh oversight (TVMO) group has been set up to run until the managed clinical network is established and able to take on the monitoring role.

Chair appointment

Professor Lorna McKee was appointed chair in December 2017. Lorna McKee is Emeritus Professor of Management and Health Services Research. She studied social sciences at Trinity College, Dublin, and undertook a PhD in sociology at the University of York.

Shona Robison, MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport said “Professor McKee’s appointment is a welcome addition to the Transvaginal Mesh Oversight Group which, under her Chair, will provide an important scrutiny role into the use of mesh in Scotland”.

Group membership

The role of the group is to contribute to the review of the data on the use of transvaginal mesh implants in NHSScotland. The TVMO group is a multidisciplinary group, which will:

- review data on the use of transvaginal mesh implants in NHSScotland
- review adverse event reporting by NHS boards
- consider how significant new evidence can be incorporated into the agreed NHSScotland pathways of care, and
- ensure that any patient information is person centred, up to date and evidence based.

We will continue to review membership of the group to ensure it reflects a broad range of representatives.

Data

We are working closely with colleagues from NSS and HIS’ Data, Measurement and Business Intelligence Team to obtain the relevant data and information from ISD. A report was received from the Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre (IRIC). A literature search was carried out to review new evidence and publications.

Key future dates

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Highlights/key points from first TVMO group (19 January 2018)

The first meeting of the TVMO was held on Friday 19 January 2018. The highlights were:

- A patient sub-group to be created to review patient information.
- Agreements were made on what type of data we will be requesting from ISD. It was agreed that a TVMO data sub group would be established prior to the next meeting on the 12 April 2018. The sub group will consolidate the data received to date and explore the priorities of the group to gather meaningful data collection and analysis.
- A report was received from the Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre (IRIC). IRIC, who manage the national adverse incident reporting system for medical devices, will continue to provide updates with reports on transvaginal mesh incidents.
- A systematic search of the secondary literature was carried out between 8–11 January 2018 to identify reviews, guidelines and policy reports published in the last 12 months. Key websites were searched for guidelines, clinical summaries and reports. A total of 61 references were found.

Meet the team

- Fiona Wardell (Standards and Indicators Team Lead)
- Kelly Macdonald (Programme Manager)
- Tracey Mitchell (Project Officer)
- Sarah O’Shaughnessy (Administrative Officer)

Future meetings:

- Thursday 12 April 2018
- Thursday 28 June 2018
- Tuesday 18 September 2018
- Tuesday 4 December 2018

Social media

A page on the Healthcare Improvement Scotland website has been established for the Terms of Reference, minutes of meetings, progress reports and declaration of interests. The link to the website is available here: http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/technologies_and_medicines/programme_resources/transvaginal_mesh_implants.aspx

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