Transvaginal Mesh Implants Oversight Group (TVMO)
Flash Report 2 – April 2018

Background and update (February – April 2018)

**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 a managed clinical network is established and able to take on an implementation and monitoring role.

**Data Sub-group**
In March the data sub-group held its first meeting to consolidate the data gathered to date and review how to present it to the main TVMO group in an accessible way. A discussion took place around what information would be of most use to the TVMO group. The group also discussed how to align the data review with the research evidence. The next meeting for the data sub-group is scheduled to take place on 20 June 2018.

**Patient Information**
The TVMO group are working with the Scottish Women's Convention to hold a patient focus group. This will begin the conversation about patient information with women with lived experience.

A patient sub-group will be established to progress the patient information work. This is still in its preparatory stage and shall include both patients and volunteers from the TVMO group.

**Self-Evaluation Framework**
Work is currently taking place to develop a draft self-evaluation framework for TVMO. It will include wide-ranging questions on current care as well as patient information provision. This will be circulated to NHS boards Autumn 2018.

The second meeting of the TVMO was held on Thursday 12 April 2018. The highlights were:
- Since the meeting in January the Knowledge Management Team of HIS has updated their literature review and presented a detailed account to the group. Ongoing data analysis and adverse events updates were also provided.
- The chair TVMO Chair recently met with the former chairs of the Independent Review Group and a meeting with the CMO is upcoming.
- The group has secured the engagement of a wide range of health professionals and includes public and patient representation. Further efforts continue to obtain GP input.
- Work has been carried out with the Healthcare Improvement Scotland communications team to establish a Twitter account to be run and monitored by the project team.
- A presentation was given on the NHS Inform website which has some useful information for patients about mesh. A content owner is needed for this information, the TVMO group are interested in taking on this role in the interim but group members have suggested the Scottish Pelvic Floor Network would be better placed to support this in the longer term. Contacts are being established.

**Future meetings:**
- Thursday 28 June 2018
- Tuesday 18 September 2018
- Tuesday 4 December 2018

**Data Sub-group meeting:**
- Wednesday 20 June 2018

**Website:**
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.

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