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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent written question asking me what plans I have to introduce a compensation scheme for patients affected by mesh implants and sodium valproate.

I have no plans to introduce separate compensation schemes for mesh and sodium valproate. There is already an NHS redress process covering patients who have suffered harm that was or might have been caused by negligent treatment. Where the harm is below £25,000 health bodies can offer patients the option of following the redress process which involves the NHS paying for a specialist clinical negligence solicitor to act for the patient and jointly engaging independent medical experts. If the treatment is found to be negligent, an apology, compensation of up to £25,000 and/or remedial treatment can be offered.

Yours sincerely,

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