

INFORMATION FOR WOMEN UNDERGOING URINARY INCONTINENCE SURGERY AND  
ABDOMINAL MESH SURGERY TO TREAT VAULT PROLAPSE

The Department of Health have suspended the use of all tapes to treat urinary incontinence and mesh inserted vaginally to treat prolapse.

There are alternative options available and I have discussed with you the pros and cons of these. We have discussed both non-surgical and surgical options and you have elected to have the surgical option as outlined in your clinic letter.

**Prior to the operation to treat your incontinence and prolapse the following will have taken place:**

- I am required to inform you that these are procedures are subject to high vigilance scrutiny
- You must confirm in writing that you have read the 8 leaflets attached (see below). After having read these please sign this letter below which confirms that you have read them and understood their content and that you have asked any questions that you have regards the information contained.
- Please fill in a questionnaire (the information you supply will be entered onto a national database). Please hand this into me on the day of surgery so that I can enter your data onto the BSUG (British Society of Urogynaecology) database.
- Your treatment plan will have been discussed by another urogynaecologist or urologist. Your case will be discussed with one of my colleagues (Mr Vashisht, or Mr Ockrim) that works at both University College Hospital and King Edward Seventh Hospital.

**Leaflets attached:**

- Document on decision making and the options available SUI options (obviously the TVT is no longer an option) (British Society of Urological Surgeons leaflet)
- Laparoscopic coloposuspension (University College Hospital leaflet)
- Colposuspension (British Society of Urogynaecology leaflet)
- Autologous fascial sling to treat stress urinary Incontinence (British Society of Urogynaecology leaflet)
- Urethral Bulking to treat stress urinary Incontinence (British Society of Urogynaecology leaflet)
- Laparoscopic mesh sacrocolpopexy (University College Hospital leaflet)
- General mesh (University College Hospital leaflet)
- Sacrocolpopexy for vaginal vault prolapse (British Society of Urogynaecology leaflet)

I confirm I have read and understood the contents of this letter including the attached documents. I understand that I need to bring in the fully completed questionnaire on the day of surgery in order for my operation to proceed.

Name

Signature

Date