

# Labour announce backing for public inquiry into mesh implants scandal

Labour

will today (Wednesday 18 October) announce the party's backing for a public inquiry into the use of surgical mesh implants.

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will also call for use of the products to be stopped in England immediately while the inquiry is undertaken.

The

call comes as MPs prepare to discuss the impact of mesh implants in a debate called by Emma Hardy, MP for Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle, taking place in Westminster Hall at 9.30am on Wednesday.

**Sharon**

**Hodgson MP, Labour's Shadow Public Health Minister**, speaking ahead of today's debate, said:

"Mesh implants have left women in permanent pain, unable to walk, and unable to work. This is an ongoing public health scandal and the Government need to do much more to support those affected.

"Ministers

have said NICE will publish updated guidance for these products but not until January 2018. Mesh implants should be taken off the market now until we know more about the threat they pose to women's safety.

"The

Government have failed to answer big questions about the extent of this public health scandal, including how many women have been affected and why a product with such terrible risks was allowed into the market in the first place.

"Labour

is calling for a full inquiry to uncover the extent of the harm done by mesh implants so we can be sure that this never happens again."