Response to 'Safety issue with TT380 Slimline intrauterine contraceptive device'

I write as the UK distributor for the TT380 Slimline IUD produced by Laboratoire 7 Med of France in response to Dr Trewinnard's letter.¹

We were sorry to hear of this unfortunate incident. Over the years we have had isolated examples of this occurring, particularly with a retroverted uterus. Extensive investigation revealed that one step in the post-sterilisation final packing process could result in a slight compression of the introducer tube of a tiny proportion of a production batch.

The process was changed and this seemed to reduce the already low incidence of 'kinking'.

Moreover, as part of the continuous improvement of the device, a redesigned version will be available for evaluation early in June which should reduce these occurrences even further.

I shall ensure that Dr Trewinnard receives one of the evaluation samples as soon as they arrive.

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