

Question:

- 1/ When was the Permanent secretary made aware of concerns surrounding Neurology services at the Belfast Trust ?
- 2/ Given the findings of the O'hara report (Hyponatremia) the recall of Neurology patients. The cost of staff to attending a conference in Holland has Permanent secretary or the Department of Health considered or made plans to put the Belfast Trust under **special measures** ? if so please provide all documents.
- 3/ Has the Permanent secretary had any meetings or contact with the Northern Ireland secretary of state or any NIO ministers/officials regarding putting the Belfast Trust under **special measures** ? if so please provide all documents

Response:

- 1) The Permanent Secretary was made aware of concerns surrounding Neurology services at the Belfast Trust on 25 April 2018.
- 2) A series of actions have been initiated by the Permanent Secretary in response to the recall of patients. Further detail on these actions can be found at <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/news/departments-health-update-mlas-re-neurology-patient-recall>.
- 3) The Permanent Secretary has had no meetings with the Secretary of State or any NIO ministers/officials regarding putting the Belfast Trust under special measures.

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