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Neurology Recall and Dr Watt

- 1) How many patients did Michael Watt diagnose as having epilepsy in total? How many were judged after the recall to have secure diagnoses, how many were judged to have insecure diagnoses, and how many were judged to have diagnoses that may have been insecure?**

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Please find attached links to Outcomes Report for Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 of the Neurology Recall which you may find helpful in terms of information regarding patients with an insecure diagnosis or an uncertain diagnosis.

Cohort 1 Outcomes Report:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/neurology-outcomes-report.pdf>

Cohort 2 Outcomes Report:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/neurology-recall-activity-and-outcomes-report-active-caseload-cohort-2>

- 2) How many of Michael Watt's patients were prescribed Phenytoin? How many of Watt's patients were prescribed Epanutin?**

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- 3) How many of Michael Watt's patients should not have been prescribed Phenytoin in total? How many of Michael watt's patients should not have been prescribed Epanutin in total? How many of Michael Watt's patients who were correctly diagnosed as epileptic should not have been prescribed Phenytoin rather than another drug? How many of**

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Michael Watt's patients who were correctly diagnosed as epileptic should not have been prescribed Epanutin rather than another drug?

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4) How many of Michael Watt's patients were diagnosed as having focal seizures? How many of those diagnoses of focal seizures were insecure and how many may have been insecure?

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5) Are there any records or evidence of communications or contact between Michael Watt and drugs company sales representatives? In particular are there any records or evidence of communications and contact between Michael Watt and sales representatives of Pfizer, the manufacturers of Epanutin?

Belfast Trust is not aware of any correspondence / communication between sales representatives of Pfizer and Dr Watt.

6) (A patient) attended a TIA clinic at the Royal Victoria Hospital which was run by Michael Watt and Dr Ivan Wiggam in the period early 2001-June 2002. Between what dates did Michael Watt and Dr Wiggam operate this TIA clinic?

Dr Watt and Dr Wiggam held joint TIA clinics between January 2000 and December 2003.

7) I would be grateful for details of all the clinics run by the former RVH neurologist Michael Watt in cooperation with other consultants.

Dr Watt held a once weekly TIA clinic in cooperation with other consultants.

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8) What are the names of the consultants with whom he ran joint clinics (other than Ivan Wiggam)? And what were the dates from start to finish of each of the joint clinics ?

Dr Watt held joint clinics with:

- Dr Cathy Patterson from June 2009 until May 2017
- Dr Patricia Gordon from June 2010 until November 2013
- Dr Cathy Jack from September 2004 to July 2007
- Dr Mark Magorrian from 2006 until June 2017 (Unfortunately we are unable to confirm exact commencement date of combined clinics with Dr Magorrian).

All clinics were captured under Dr Michael Watt activity, therefore these consultants were not always present at every clinic.

Dr Ailsa Fulton worked in the same outpatient area as Dr Watt from May 2008 until May 2017 and on a few occasions provided support at Dr Watt's clinics. Dr Fulton's clinics were booked under her own consultant clinic code.