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|  Belfast Health and Social Care Trust caring supporting improving together | | Paper Ref. Num. 2026.05.28_TBP_AgendaItem9.1_P212-2026_FamiliesOfDeceasedPatientsFromNeurologyv2 <i>Note:- To be completed by HQ meeting organiser</i> | |
| Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Meeting Template Sheet (v050526) | | | |
| Title of paper (Maximum of 300 characters) Update on communication with families of deceased patients from Neurology | | | |
| Purpose of paper | | For Oversight | |
| If other purpose please specify | | | |
| Meeting TB Public | | | |
| If other meeting please specify | | N/A | |
| Rationale for confidential consideration (if applicable) | | N/A | |
| Presenter | | Other Chair | |
| Date of meeting | | 28 May 2026 | |
| Background (Maximum of 1500 characters) <p>On 11 March 2026, the Trust's Chair, Vice-Chair, and Chief Executive attended a meeting at the Department of Health. The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Health, with a number of family members of patients who are deceased and who had been patients of Michael Watt.</p> <p>Subsequently on 1 May 2026, the Chair wrote to the families of those involved. The Chair reiterated the sincere and unwavering apology which had been offered at the meeting, recognising the Trust's lack of acknowledgement of their loved one's death. Arrangements were also proposed for individual meetings at which the Trust would seek to provide answers to any questions which family members may have. The Chair and Chief Executive have given a commitment that the Trust will be honest with family members about what can and cannot be answered. The Chair and Chief Executive have also given a commitment that we will listen, properly and with respect, to the concerns of family members, ensure that questions are taken seriously and followed up and not lost in process. And, where mistakes were made, the Trust will not hide behind complexity or bureaucracy. Arrangements are now being made to ensure that any and all questions raised by families are appropriately considered in a timely way.</p> | | | |
| Date considered at Exec Team (If Applicable) | | N/A | |
| Options for consideration (Maximum of 1500 characters) N/A | | | |
| Recommendations (Maximum of 1500 Characters) | | | |

The Board are asked to :-

1. Note the update provided.
2. Raise any queries they may have in relation to the update.

**Proposed Onward
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If other