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Presenter	Choose an item.	Brian Armstrong
Date of meeting	25/06/2026	
Title of paper (Maximum of 300 characters) Neurology -- Update on Improvement Action Plan		
Background (Maximum of 1500 characters) GMC & NIMDTA visited Belfast Trust on 9th June 2026, and gave very positive feedback on the improvements re Neurology Trainees. Formal feedback expected by end of July, we are hopeful that the Trust can finally move out of enhanced monitoring arrangements. Belfast Neurology team are involved in improvement work to better support team dynamics and communication, this work will be completed by the autumn. We are working in collaboration with SPPG and other Trusts through the Neurology Alliance to improve coordination of Regional Services. We have recently recruited of a locum consultant neurologist to reduce the general neurology outpatient waiting list. We have used drug savings reinvestment , due to change to a generic MS drug , for newly-approved posts (MS specialty doctor, pharmacist and pharmacy technician) and upgraded of two existing posts (pharmacy and MS nurse roles) We have redesigned the service to have availability of two red flag MRI slots per week for patients with suspected MS relapses, audit of which has shown improvement in time to treatment escalation. We have recruited an advanced nurse prescriber to work within Valporate Service. Finally, to improve our benchmarking capability and to help identify more opportunities to improve the service, we have invited GIRFT (Getting IT Right First Rime) to review our Neurology outpatient services this summer.		

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