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Presenter	Other	Chris Hagan & Brian Armstrong
Date of meeting	25/06/2026	
Title of paper (Maximum of 300 characters) Complex Cardiology Medical Devices --- Patient recall		
Background (Maximum of 1500 characters) Between 2023 and 2024, Belfast Trust identified some concerns regarding decisions to implant very specific and specialist cardiac devices for a number of patients under the care of Dr Ernest Lau. We investigated the issues and as a result, and in order to look further, we asked the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) to carry out an expert and independent review of several cases. The Royal College subsequently agreed with some of the concerns around Dr Lau's decision-making and they recommended we take a more detailed look at Dr Lau's practice. To help us, they gave us some specific criteria to look at. As a result of the advice from RCP, alongside our own review of patient records, we have identified 140 people who have had a CRT device implanted which is outside of the criteria given to us by the RCP. In order to ensure these patients have the best care plan going forward, a small team of consultant cardiologists with specialist knowledge of cardiac devices based in Belfast Trust are thoroughly reviewing the cardiology records of each of those 140 people.		
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