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Neurology Surgeons

1. How many Neurosurgeons there are in Belfast Trust at present & how many of them carry out spine surgery?

Ten Neurosurgeons, eight of which carry out spinal surgery.

2. How many Neurosurgeons left Belfast Trust or have taken a sabbatical in past 2 years.

Less than five neurosurgeons have retired and none have taken sabbaticals within the last two years.

Where numbers are low we have indicated less than five rather than give the exact figure. We feel that providing the exact figure has the potential to make people identifiable and so that information is exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

3. Is there is there any internal or GMC investigation going on regards any Neurosurgeon at the BHSCCT at this moment?

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust can neither confirm nor deny whether any individual neurosurgeon is the subject of an internal or General Medical Council (GMC) investigation. Such information, if held, would constitute personal data and is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

4. Name of consultants that have reviewed patients of named former staff member who were diagnosed at recall with Functional Neurological Disorder (FND)?

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust is unable to disclose consultant-specific information in relation to the Neurology Recall. This is due to the small number of patients associated with some individual consultants, whereby disclosure would present a risk of direct or indirect patient identification.

5. Was there a FND Clinic set up?

Belfast Trust does not have a specific FND Clinic

6. How many consultants serve that clinic?

Not applicable