

**13 February 2023**

## **Neurology Blood Patch costs**

### **Enquiry:**

In May 2018, it was reported the Trust would be recouping the money from Dr Watt moving private patients into the health & social care trust to perform the blood patches.

1. As of January 2023, how much of that money have you managed to recoup?
2. Can you provide a detailed breakdown of costs to include, but not limited to, theatre costs (for those performed in theatre), costs of use of CT, anaesthetic, use of nurse/doctor, and any other costs not listed.

### **Trust response:**

In answer to your FOI request, Belfast Trust has not stated an intention to recoup any money from former Consultant Neurologist Michael Watt with regards to any aspect of his previous practice in both the private sector and within the Health and Social Care system. The Trust cannot answer the questions that have been submitted.