

# RQIA Deceased Patient Records Review: Next Phase

Since the publication of the Report on the Expert Review of Records of Deceased Patients (Neurology) in November 2022, RQIA has worked to implement the recommendations made by the Expert Panel and the actions set out by the Authority, including ensuring the findings of the Review are shared and that we strengthen how we review and inspect services.

In October 2023, RQIA's Chief Executive and Clinical Lead attended the Northern Ireland Assembly's All Party Group for Neurology to provide an update on the Review and the actions being taken forward by RQIA.

Families of a further 15 deceased patients of Dr Watt have already approached RQIA, expressing an interest in having their relative's clinical records included in a further phase of the Review.

We are now engaging with these families to provide information on what a review of the clinical record of a deceased patient can potentially provide, and about its limitations. We are also providing information from the feedback received through an independent evaluation of the personal impact on families involved in the Expert Review of Records of Deceased Patients (Neurology).

## How to Contact RQIA – Families of Deceased Patients (Dr Watt)

Families of deceased patients of Dr Watt who wish to contact us to explore involvement in the process are welcome to do so.

Please:

- Telephone us on **Freephone number 0800 052 0012** between 10am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, to speak to a member of our Family Liaison Team; or leave a voice message and our Family Liaison Team will get back to you
- email us at [\*\*expert.review@rqia.org.uk\*\*](mailto:expert.review@rqia.org.uk)
- Use the **Contact Us** form on our website [\*\*www.rqia.org.uk\*\*](http://www.rqia.org.uk)

Thank you