

press release

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RQIA Publishes Progress Report on Commitments in the Neurology Deceased Patients Review

Today, RQIA's Authority has issued a report outlining progress to date on its commitment to ensure that there would be a tangible and meaningful legacy from RQIA's Expert Review of Records of Deceased Patients (Neurology), published in November 2022.

These include actions to improve partnership working between RQIA and regulators of clinical professions, including GMC and NMC. Working with these professional regulators, RQIA has developed a Framework for Sharing Intelligence and an approach to sharing emerging concerns has been agreed. This aims to ensure closer working between health and social care regulators, improving how concerns and intelligence are shared so that where there is evidence of patient safety issues inquiries can be made, or early actions taken.

In addition, over the past year, RQIA has held a series of round table events, focusing on actions required to develop an open, just and learning culture across health and social care. RQIA has recently published the outcome of the most recent event, which sets out a plan for the development of a HSC Patient Safety Culture Assessment Tool/ Framework in collaboration with stakeholders. RQIA is now taking that work forward.

RQIA will continue to work towards, monitor, and report on progress against these commitments, with the intent that this may provide a legacy for families, both those who have been directly involved in the review process and those who have not, and ultimately to make services safer for all.

You can read a copy of the report on our website <u>here</u>.