The ABN welcomes the NCEPOD (report linked here) investigation into seizure management in hospital. It highlights similar themes to those identified in previous national audits of seizures in hospital. It provides useful recommendations about organisation of services including increased provision of acute neurology input at the front door and of epilepsy nurse specialists generally and in this context.

We note the two recommendations of the report for the specific attention of the ABN, namely guiding a standard set of investigations to be undertaken in the emergency department in those presenting with a seizure and to produce guidelines on when CT scanning would be of benefit. We will aim to produce these in the near future, in conjunction with the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Emergency Medicine.

We are hopeful that this report will be instrumental in improving care for people with epilepsy.

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