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Well I think we'd first like to say that we really do welcome the commitment, the personal commitment, that the chief medical officer has shown to actually raising the profile of epilepsy and SUDEP which has been so hidden from view. But we have to say that for our bereaved relatives many, many will be extremely disappointed because of a failure by the Government to invest in an action plan to reduce death. And what I mean by that is that the only investment in this plan that we can see that is ring fenced for epilepsy is the £400,000 to support an information network run by volunteers. And even in relation to that one of the big points in the audit was that risks were simply not being properly discussed and for that to happen there has to be an investment in communication by clinicians, it's not going to be sufficient to have leaflets given out by volunteers, these are complex issues and there needs to be a serious investment in training of professionals. There is a promise of 1.2 million for neurology - access to neurology - but it's not ring fenced and the Government isn't monitoring the spending of any of these funds.

## ROBINSON

Jane Hanna from Epilepsy Bereaved I'm afraid we'll