

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Epilepsy Meeting

Chaired by Laura Sandys MP

Meeting Room M, Portcullis

Tuesday, 28th February, 2012 at 4.00pm

Guest speakers:

Dr. James Morrow, Consultant Neurologist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and Honorary Reader Queen's University, Belfast

Dr. John Craig, Consultant Neurologist, Royal Group of Hospitals, Belfast

Pregnancy Registers – the case for mandatory registration

Around 2,500 women with epilepsy will have a baby each year in the UK. For these, a potential concern may be whether their anti-epileptic treatment will cause harm to their unborn child. A major study in the UK – **the UK Epilepsy and Pregnancy Register** – was established in 1996 to obtain and publish information on the frequency of major malformations, such as heart defect, spina bifida and cleft lip, amongst infants whose mothers take one or more anti-epileptic medications to prevent their seizures.

Dr. Morrow and Dr. Craig examine the case for mandatory registration.

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