

Revised January 2005

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
SPECIALTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PAEDIATRICS  
TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2003, RECONVENED 10 FEBRUARY 2004  
2.15PM - 5.00PM  
ROOM C3.18, CASTLE BUILDINGS**

**Present:**

Dr A Bell  
Mr V Boston  
Dr B Craig  
Dr N Corrigan  
Dr P M Crean  
Dr J McAloon  
Dr M Stewart

Professor M Savage  
Dr N Flanagan  
Dr J Porteous  
Dr M Rollins  
Dr B Bell  
Dr M Shields

Dr G Morgan  
Dr P Kennedy  
Dr P McAlinden  
Dr D Carson  
Dr R Tubman  
Dr C Gaston

**DsPH/Representatives**

Dr C Beattie  
Dr F Kennedy  
Dr W McConnell  
Dr V Tohani

**Department**

Dr H Campbell, CMO  
Dr I Carson  
Dr C Willis  
Dr P Woods  
Mr D Sullivan (Item 13)  
Dr M Boyle (Item 14)  
Mr T Reid  
Mrs I Wilkinson

**1. APOLOGIES**

[REDACTED]

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - PAPER 1/03**

[REDACTED]

**DHSSPS**

- **Action Points – Paper 2/03**

[REDACTED]

- i **Child Protection**

[REDACTED]

- ii **Upper Age Limit for Admission to Children's Hospital**

Members discussed the possibility of raising the limit for admission to Children's Hospital (and referral) from 12 to 14 years. The Patients Charter suggests that adolescent children have the right to a paediatric environment and committee members felt that this should become policy in Northern Ireland. Custom and practice had evolved independently in Trusts and there was a disparity in practice between different Trusts as well as within Trusts between elective and emergency admission.

Members from the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children highlighted that provision was being made to accommodate children up to 15 or 16 years as part of Phase II planning. It was not clear what stage these plans were at. It was agreed to keep this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Secretariat

- iii **Audit of Hyponatraemia**

Members were advised that an audit was in progress. Results should be available over the next 6 months.

**ACTION:** Dr J McAloon

### 3. **MATTERS ARISING**

#### 3.1 **Neonatal and Paediatric Transfer**

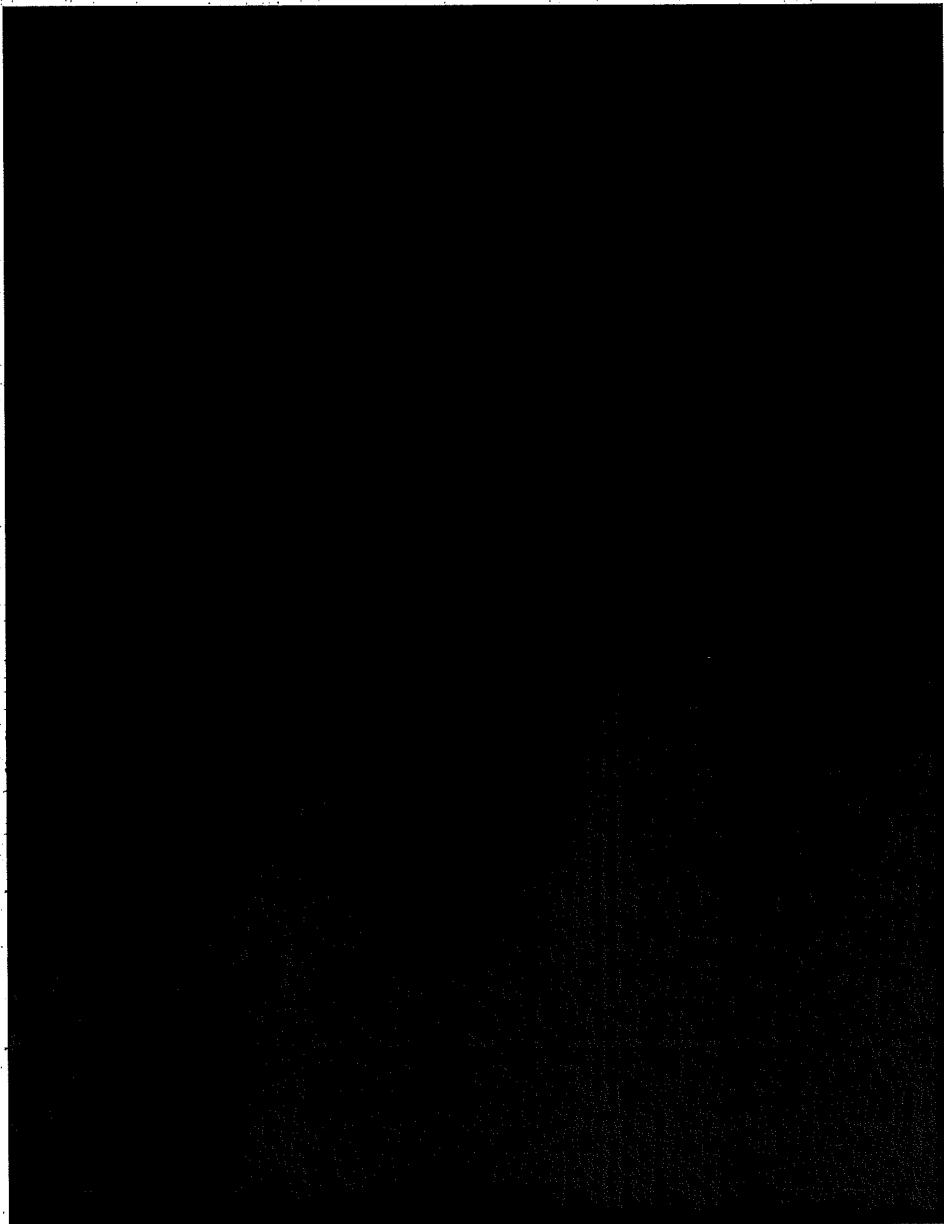
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3.2 Framework for the Care of Children Requiring Long Term Ventilatory Support – Paper 3/03



4. MEDICAL STAFFING AND DEVELOPMENT

4.1 Consultant Medical Staffing – Paper 4/03



**4.2 Choice and Opportunity – Modernising Medical Careers for Non-Consultant Career Grade Doctors – Paper 7/03**



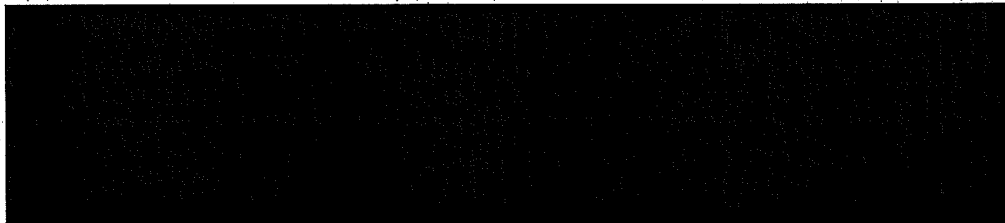
**5. PAEDIATRIC SURGERY – PAPER 8/03**



**6. PAEDIATRIC REHABILITATION AND NEURODISABILITY – PAPER 9/03**



**7. SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR PERINATAL AND CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND – PAPER 10/03**



**8. REVIEW OF RENAL SERVICES RELATING TO PAEDIATRICS – PAPER 11/03**

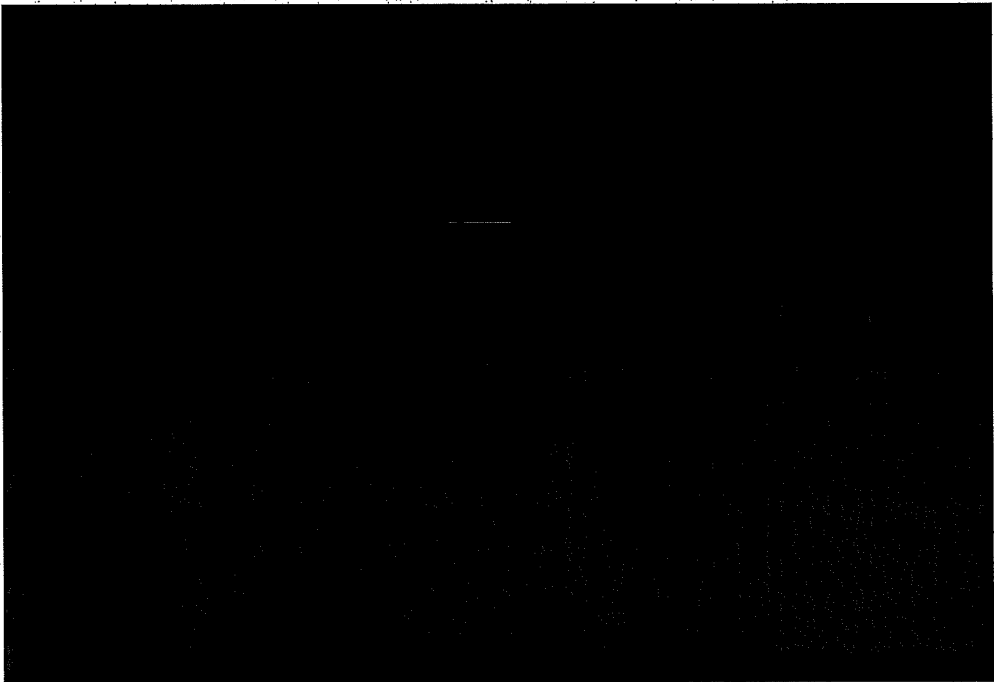


9. PAEDIATRIC EPILEPSY SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL – PAPER 12/03.

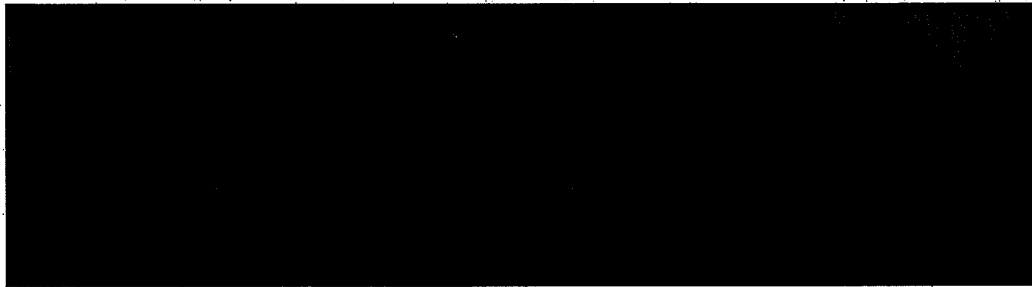


ACTION: Dr A Bell / Dr C Willis

10. COMMUNITY MIDWIFERY UNITS – CONSULTATION PAPER – PAPER 13/03



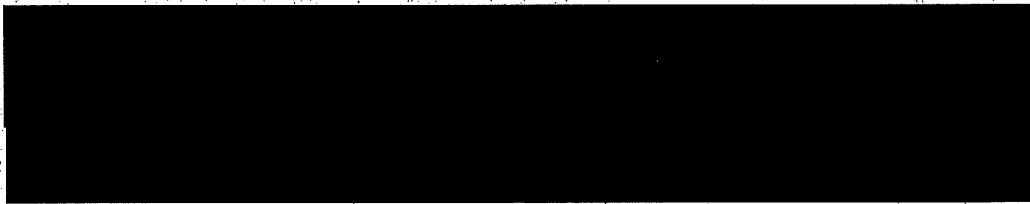
11. PAEDIATRIC GASTROENTROLOGY



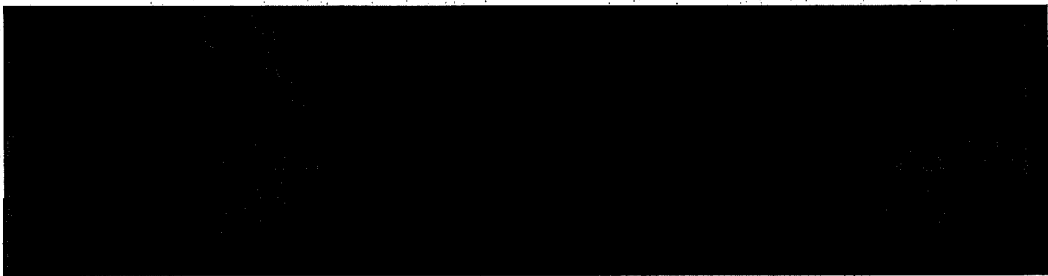
12. CHILD HEALTH SCREENING – PAPER 14/03



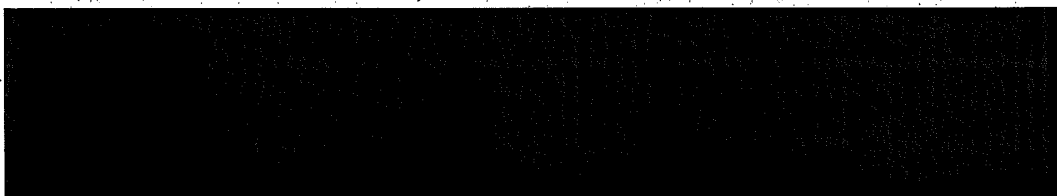
13. CREST REPORT ON DIABETES – PAPER 26/03



14. NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE

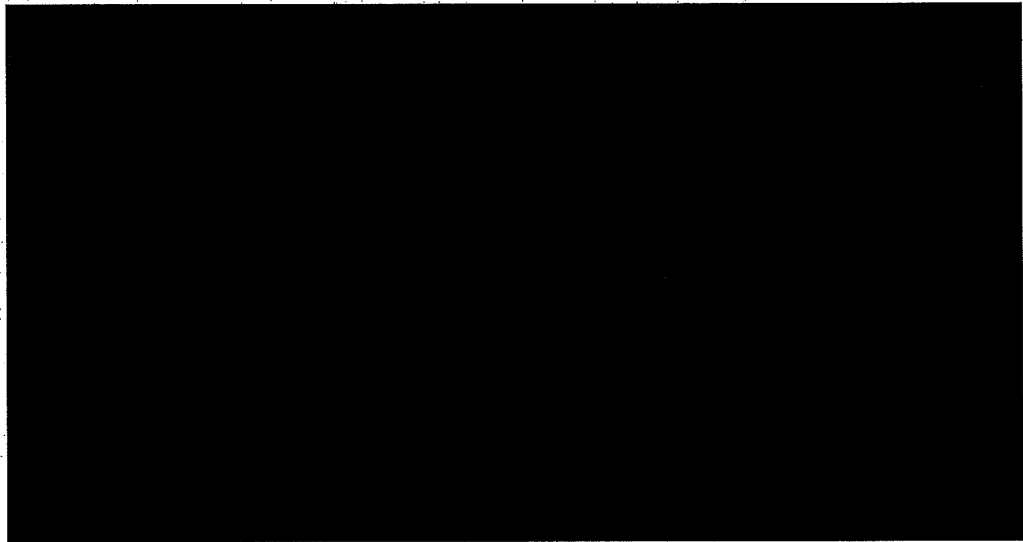


15. ACUTE BACTERIAL MENINGITIS AND MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE





16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS



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**ACTION POINTS**

ITEM	ACTION	LEAD	DHSSPS CONTACT	PROGRESS DATE
Child Protection	Begin work within the next 3 months	Dr W McConnell	Dr C Willis	First meeting held
Upper Age Limit for Admission to Children's Hospital	Agenda item at next meeting	Secretariat	Secretariat	Agenda item
Audit of Hyponatraemia	Share results of audit	Dr J McAloon	Dr C Willis	Results attached
Paediatric Surgery	Convene meeting	Dr B Bell	Dr C Willis	Agenda item
Paediatric Epilepsy Services in the DGH	Prepare paper on needs within the service	Dr A Bell	Dr C Willis	Ongoing
Paediatric Gastroenterology	Discuss with RMSC	Dr C Beattie	Dr C Willis	
CREST Report on Diabetes	Ensure adequate paediatric representation on the implementation group	CMO / Dr C Willis Dr C Beattie	Dr C Willis	
Neonatal Intensive Care	Chair a group to explore the data further and to consider future cot requirements	Dr R Tubman	Dr C Willis	Ongoing
Acute Meningitis and Meningococcal Disease	Circulate Meningitis Guidelines	CMO / Dr C Willis	Dr C Willis	
	Write to NIAS and DsPH	CMO / Dr C Willis	Dr C Willis	
Any Other Business	Circulate results of Community Paediatric Workforce Survey	Dr P McAlinden	Dr C Willis	Paper to be tabled

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**MINUTES OF MEETINGS  
RELATING TO HYPONATRAEMIA**

**Clinical Resource Efficiency Support Team (CREST)**

- A 8 November 2001
- B 9 May 2002
- C 7 November 2002
- D 6 February 2003
- E 1 May 2003
- F 6 November 2003
- G 6 May 2004

**CREST Sub Group - Management of Hyponatraemia in the Adult Patient**

- H 27 February 2002
- I 24 April 2002
- J 21 June 2002

**Specialty Advisory Committees (SAC) - Paediatrics**

- K 30 October 2001
- L 10 September 2002
- M 7 October 2003
- M\* 5 October 2004

**Specialty Advisory Committees (SAC) - Anaesthetics**

- N 2 October 2002

**Directors of Public Health / Chief Medical Officer (DsPH / CMO)**

- O 2 July 2001
- P 3 September 2001
- Q 5 November 2001

**DHSSPS**

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