

**MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEDICAL CARE SUB-COMMITTEE  
OF THE CENTRAL MEDICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON 22<sup>nd</sup>  
OCTOBER 2003**

**Present:** Dr JM McAughey (Chair)  
Dr A McKnight  
Dr JS Baille  
Dr M Brown  
Dr D Boyd  
Dr S Adair  
Dr H Curran  
Dr R Thompson  
Dr P Colvin  
Dr M Cupples  
Dr S Wilson  
Dr J Porteous

**In Attendance:** Dr H Campbell  
Dr N Chada  
Dr J Livingstone  
Mr C Scantlebury

**Guest Speakers:** Dr P Woods  
Dr M Briscoe  
Mr I McMaster  
Mr D Bingham

**1. INTRODUCTION**

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**2. APOLOGIES**

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**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

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#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

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#### **4. PRIMARY CARE STRATEGY**

Dr Livingstone informed the meeting that a lot of work had taken place over the summer months. Eighty-Six people had attended the initial workshop, which had focused on a definition of Primary Care and key service issues. The information gathered at the initial workshop had been used to formulate a draft vision and two further workshops had been organised for November and December 2003. It was planned that a draft framework document would be produced and a paper on the future pathway for Primary Care presented to the Departmental Board sometime in December 2003. He hoped a final draft would be ready to be submitted to Minister in March 2004 and published for formal consultation shortly thereafter.

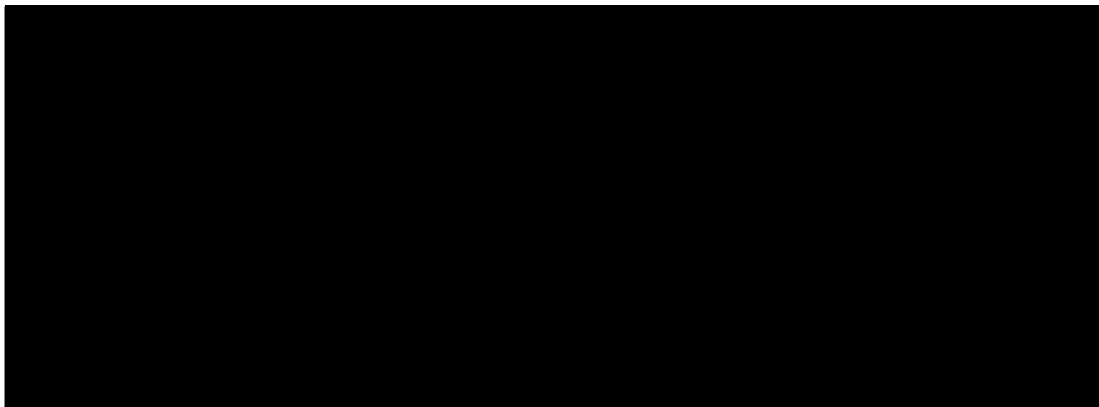
Dr McAughey commented that the Department was seen to be consulting widely and was to be commended on its approach to both the Primary Care and Regional Strategies.

#### **5. LOCAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE GROUPS**

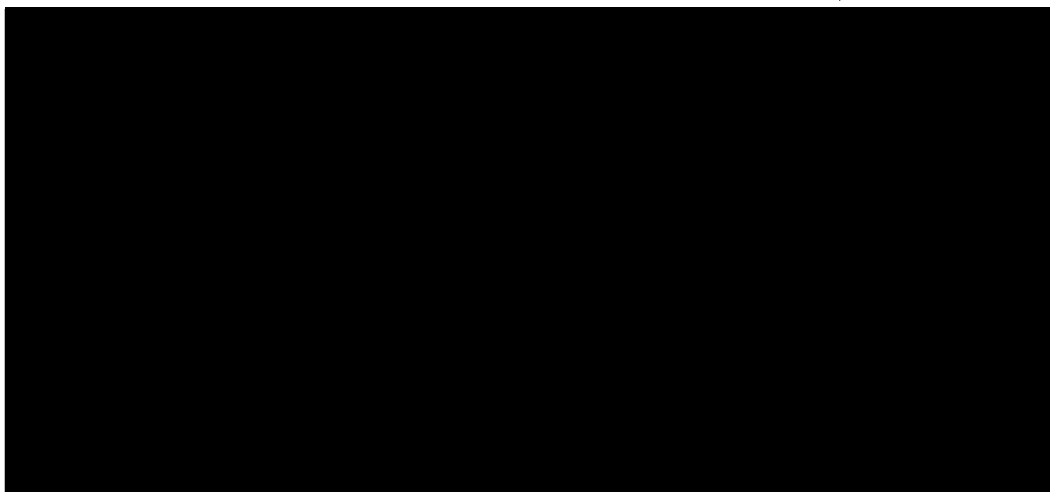
Dr Livingstone informed the Group that GPC had not replied to the Minister's request for them to become more actively involved in LHSCGs. Dr Curran stated that GPC had met with Minister in September and now had a clearer view of what

was required, but he added that the Department's position was still the same and needed to be addressed.

**6. UPDATE ON NEW GMS CONTRACT**



**7. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR GPs AND THEIR STAFF**



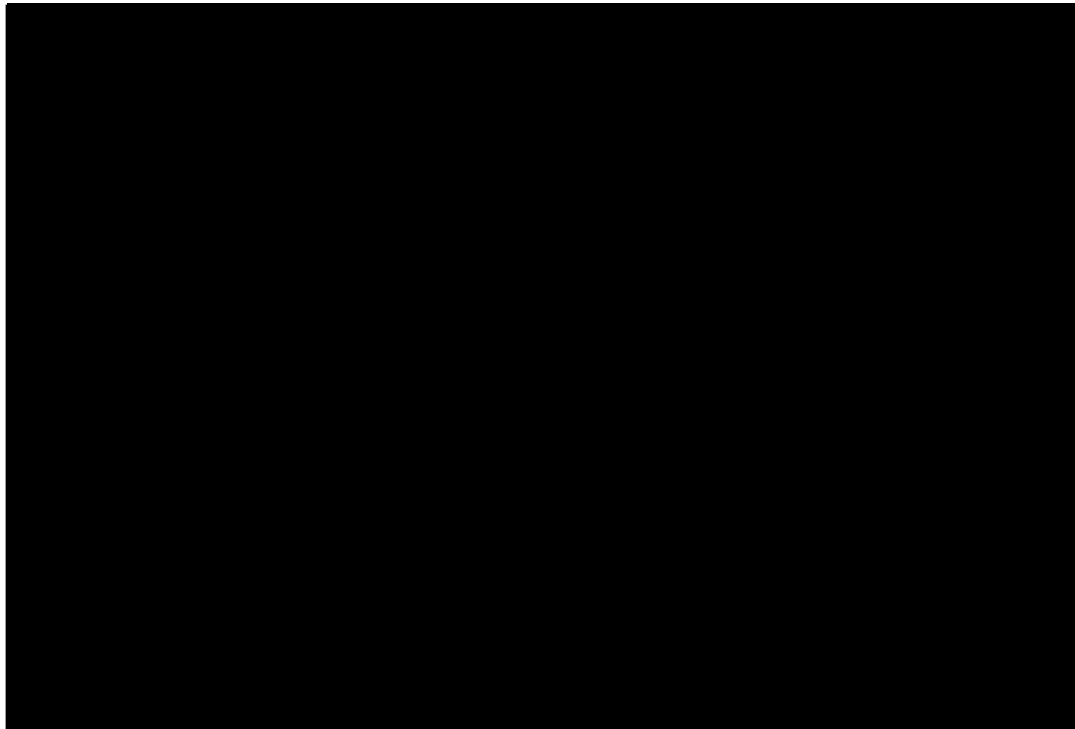
**8. WORKFORCE PLANNING**

Dr Woods reported that money had been secured for post-graduate training, but that this was for hospital consultants and not GPs. He added that over the past two years over 70 GP places had not been applied for, and although there were 180 registered locums in Northern Ireland, not all of them worked in Primary Care, and as a consequence there was a lack of GPs in Northern Ireland.

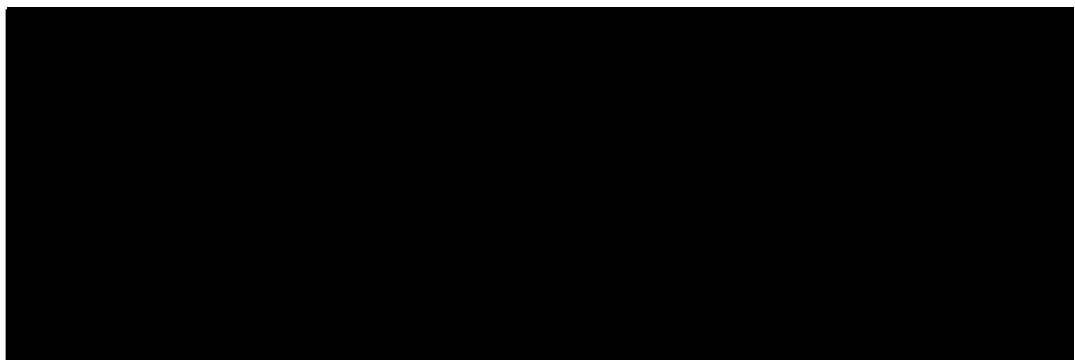
Dr Campbell stated that the RCGP had recommended that a 30% increase in the number of GPs was needed to deal with the demands the new GMS contract would create. She added that a review of the number of GPs required should be taken forward as quickly as possible and that the Committee should

support the need for increased funding that the training for the extra GPs would require.

**9. GP TRAINING**

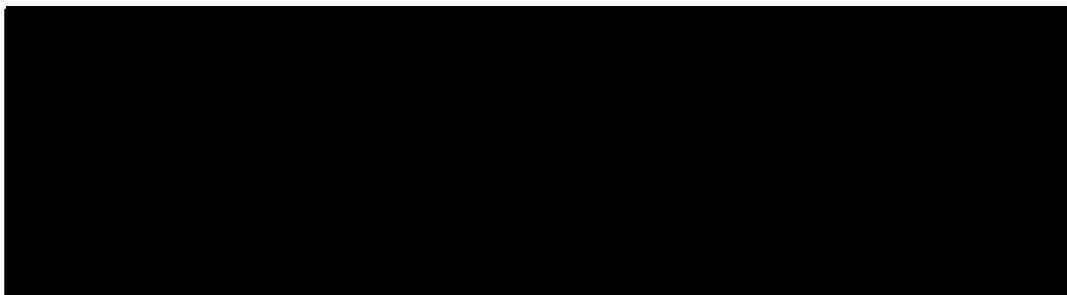


**10. PALLIATIVE CARE**



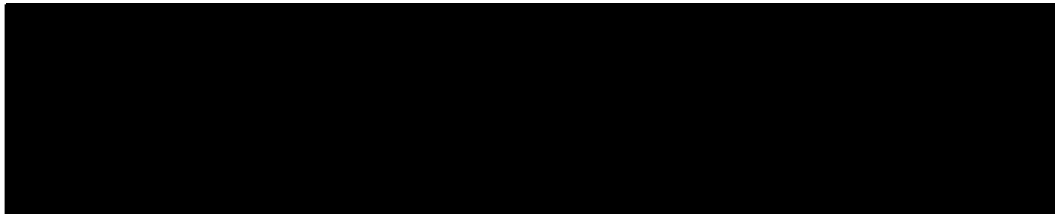
**11. SCREENING UPDATES**

**Diabetic Retinopathy**

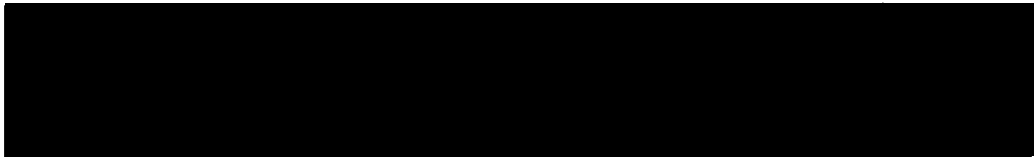




**Child Health and other Screening Issues**



**12. SARS UPDATE**



**13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

