

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

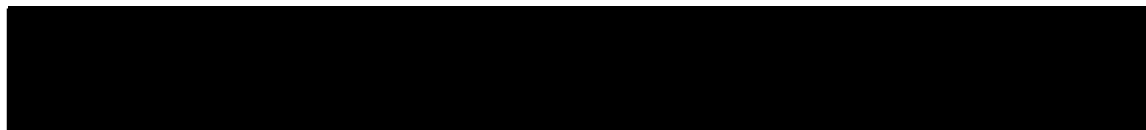
Department

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



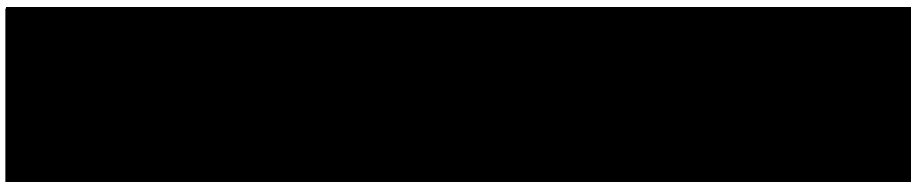
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - PAPER 1/03



- **Action Points – Paper 2/03**

Members discussed the following Action Points.

i Child Protection



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

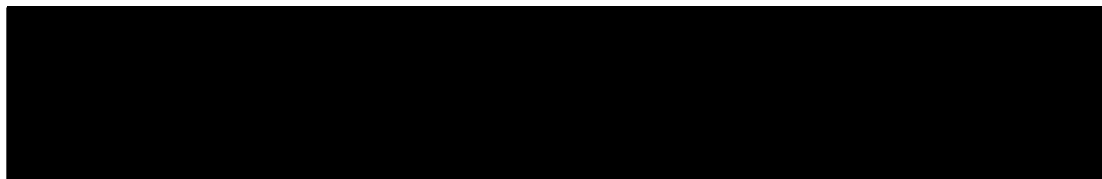
iii Audit of Hyponatraemia

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

ACTION: Dr J McAlon

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Neonatal and Paediatric Transfer

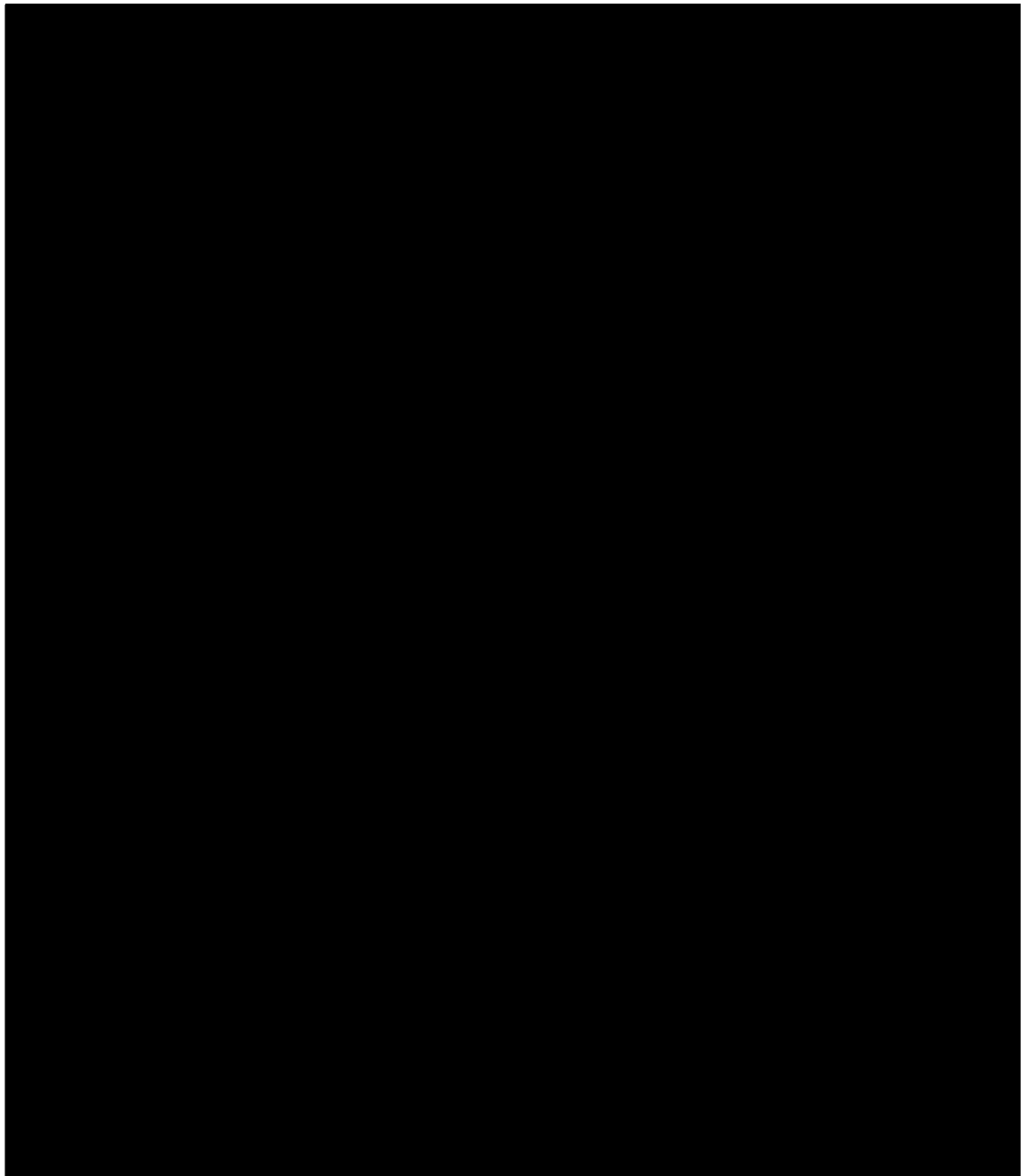


3.2 Framework for the Care of Children Requiring Long Term Ventilatory Support – Paper 3/03

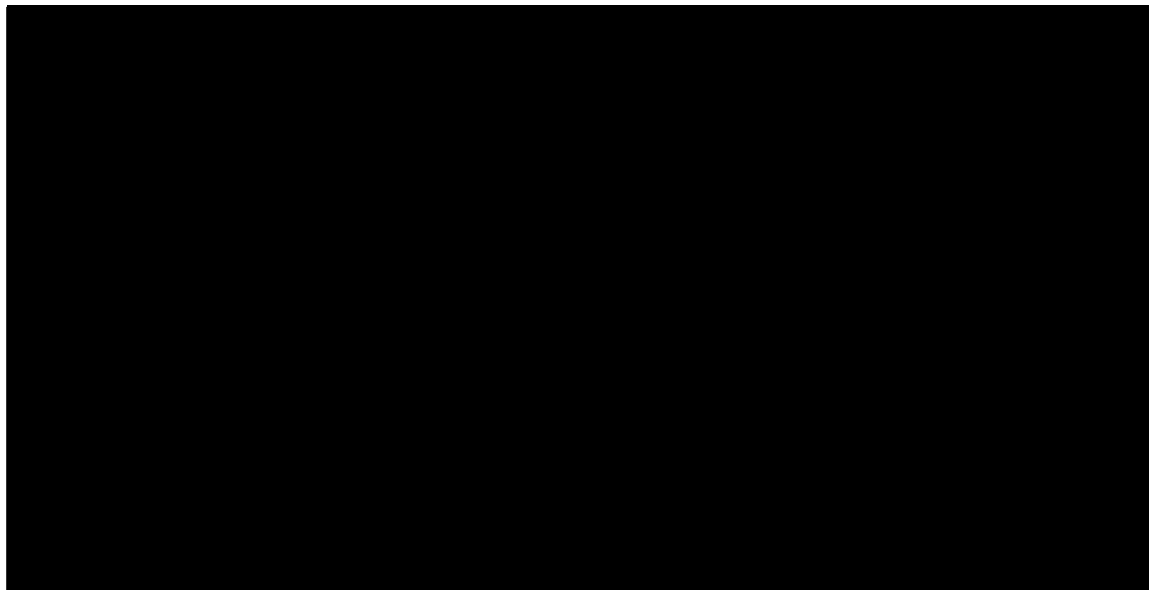


4. MEDICAL STAFFING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

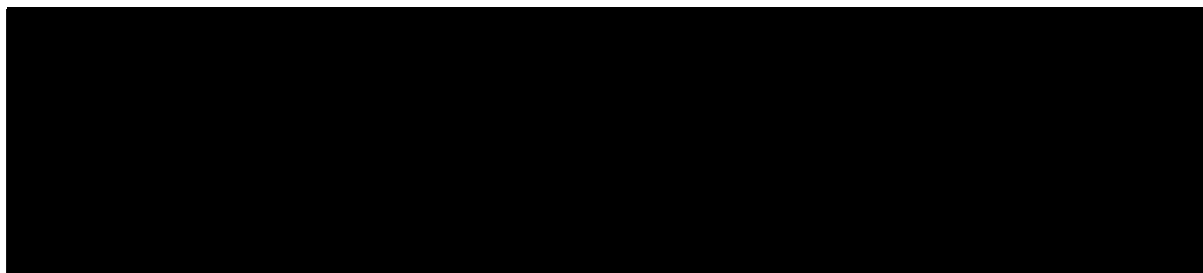
Members discussed the findings from the paper and were happy with the proposal for a training module to be delivered through DGHs and the Regional Paediatric Surgical Unit. It was agreed that some members should meet to discuss the issue further and look at the possibility of developing a network.

ACTION: Dr B Bell

6. PAEDIATRIC REHABILITATION AND NEURODISABILITY – PAPER 9/03



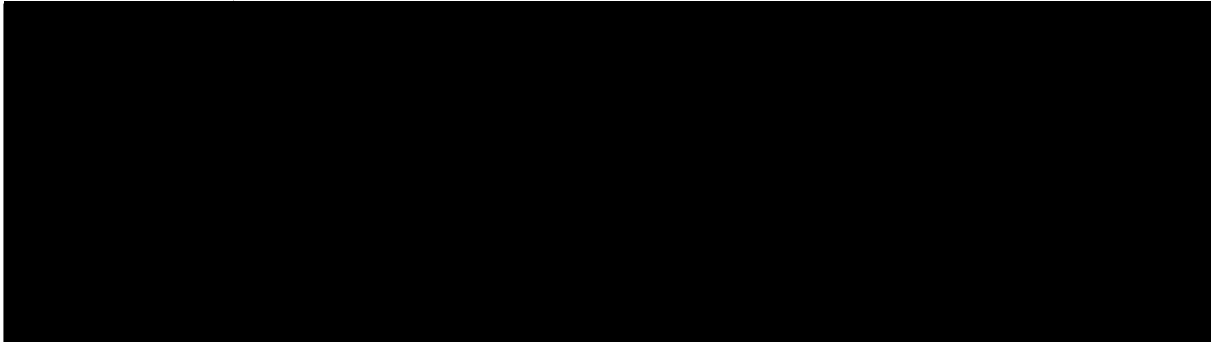
7. SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR PERINATAL AND CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND – PAPER 10/03



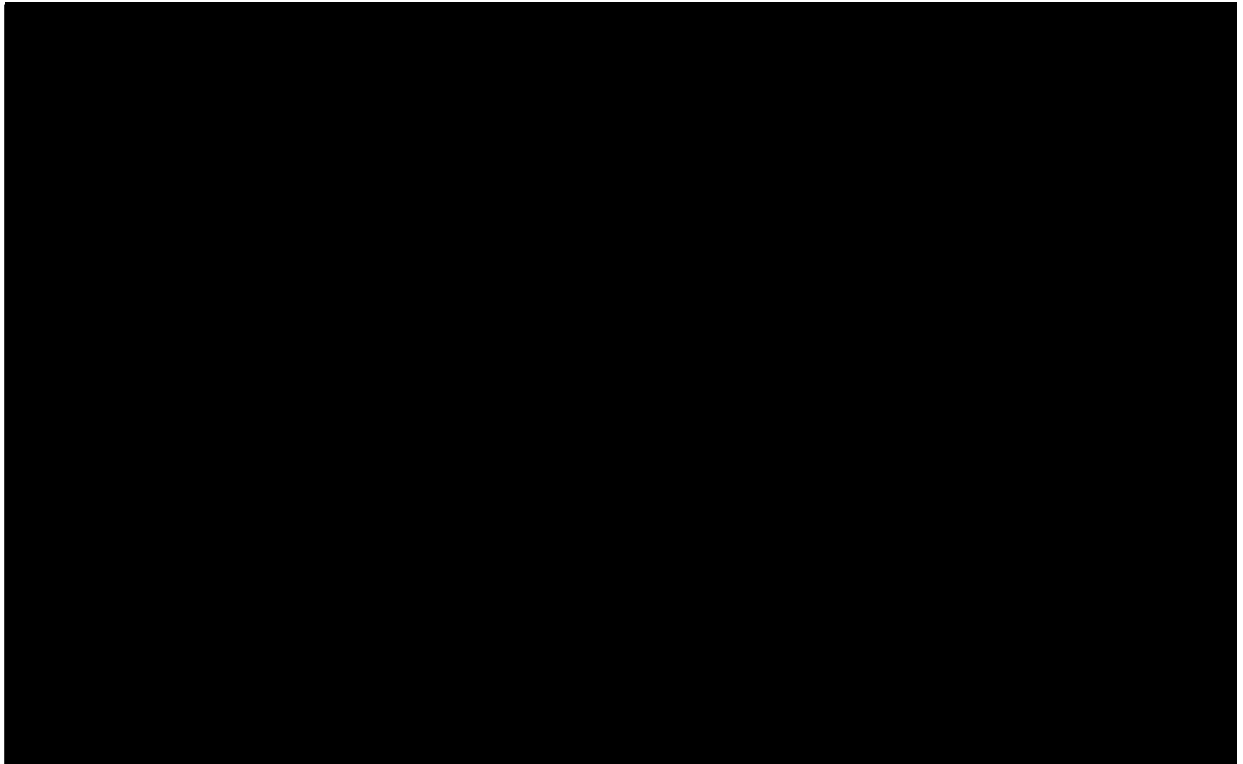
8. REVIEW OF RENAL SERVICES RELATING TO PAEDIATRICS – PAPER 11/03



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



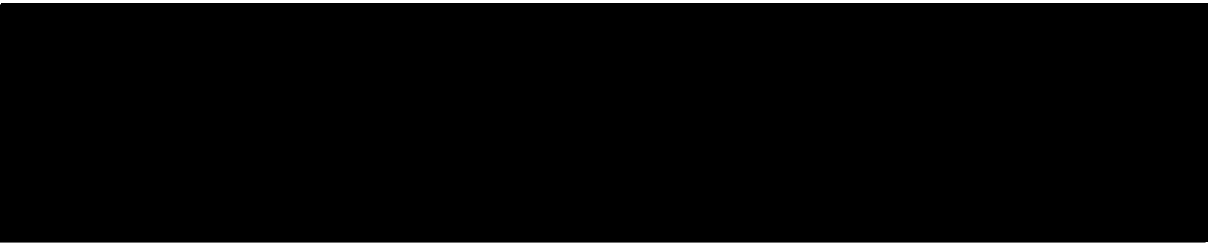
10. COMMUNITY MIDWIFERY UNITS - CONSULTATION PAPER - PAPER 13/03



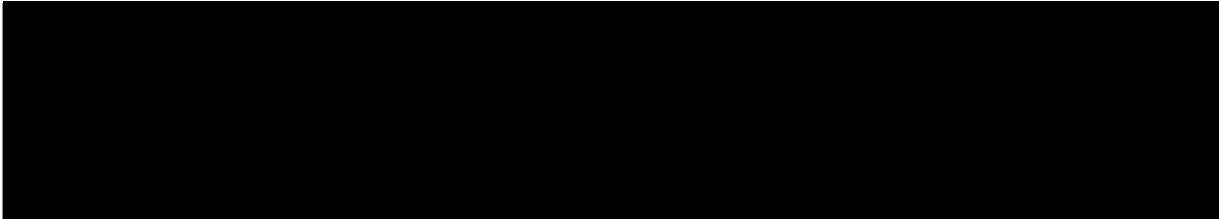
11. PAEDIATRIC GASTROENTROLOGY



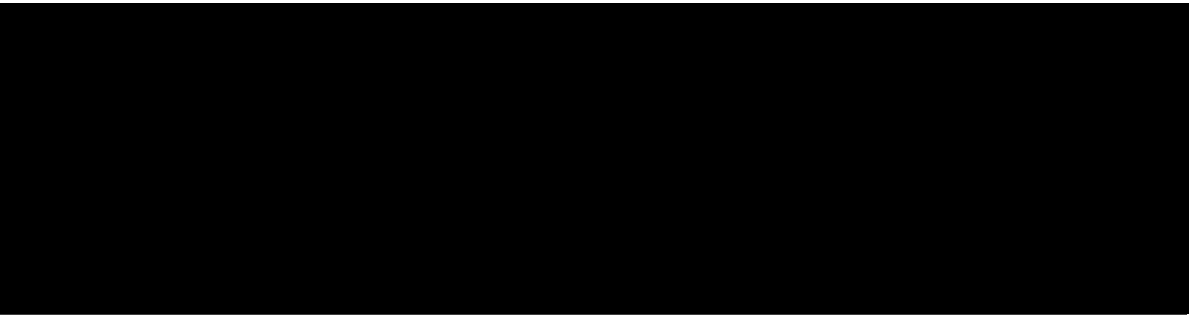
12. CHILD HEALTH SCREENING – PAPER 14/03



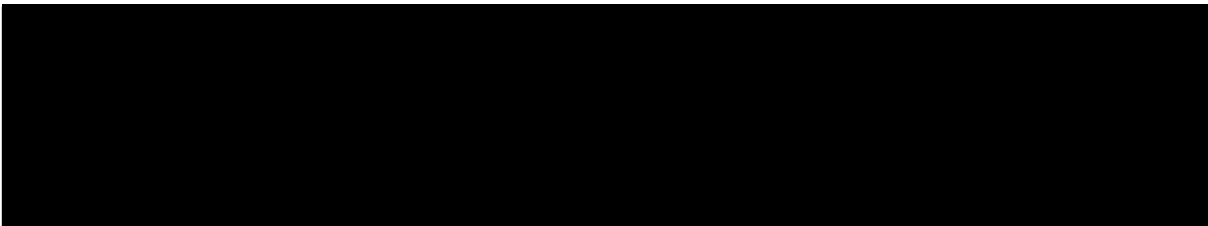
13. CREST REPORT ON DIABETES – PAPER 26/03



14. NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE

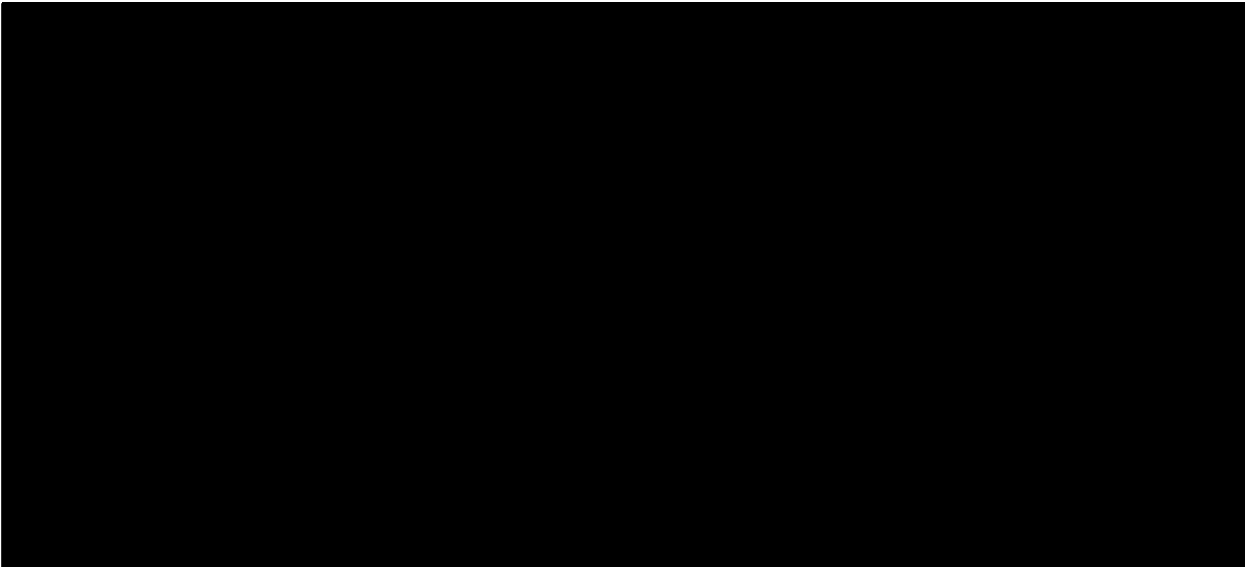


15. ACUTE BACTERIAL MENINGITIS AND MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE





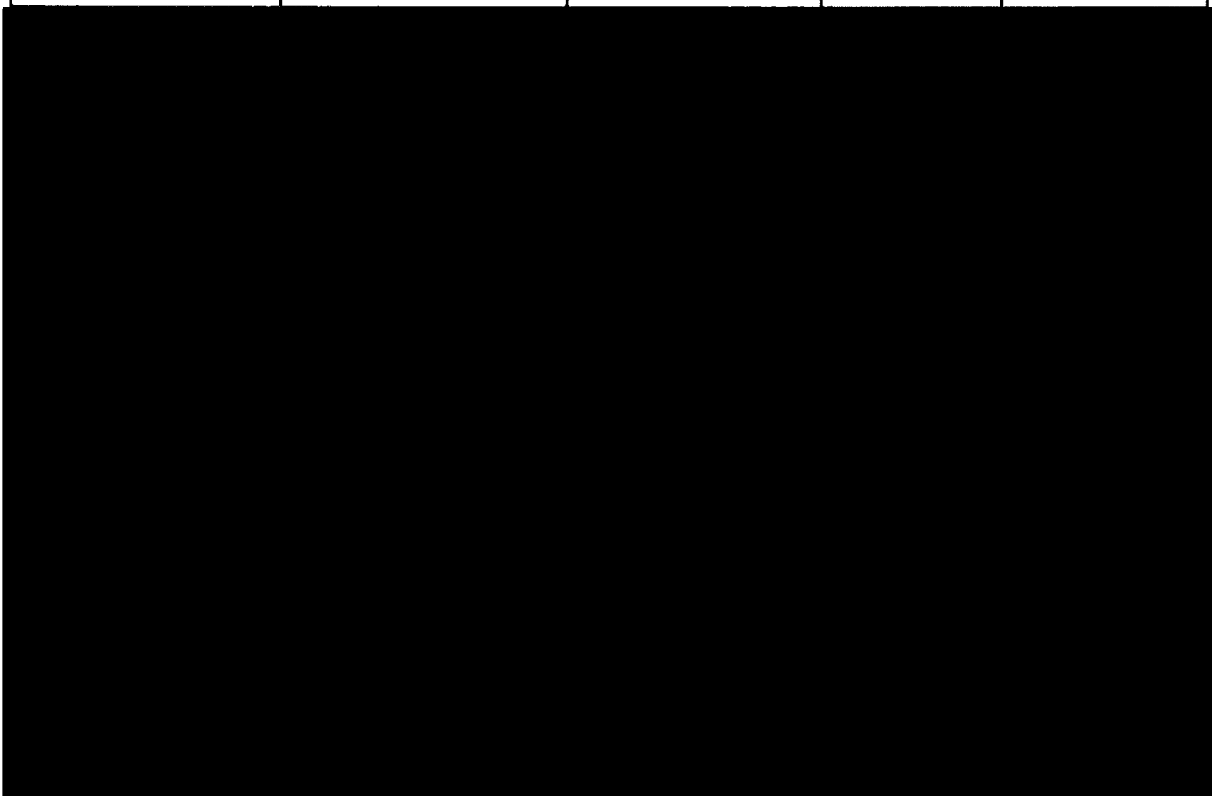
16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS



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ACTION POINTS

ITEM	ACTION	LEAD	DHSSPS CONTACT	PROGRESS DATE
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



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