

**MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH/DHSS.  
21 OCTOBER 1994 AT 10.30AM IN DUNDONALD HOUSE.**

*Summary  
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**AGENDA**

**DsPH Paper**

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|--------|---|---|-------|
|        | ✓ | Apologies.  |       |
|        | ✓ | Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 1994.                        | 35/94 |
|        | ✓ | Matters Arising   |       |
| 3.     | ✓ | Replacement of Breast Screening Equipment.                              | 36/94 |
| 4.     | ✓ | Regional Pathology Audit - Dr Mack paper to solve.                      |       |
| 5.     | ✓ | Dermatology Day Cases   |       |
| 7.     | ✓ | Review of Health Promotion.   | 37/94 |
| 8.     | ✓ | STAR  |       |
| 1.     | ✓ | International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Children                 | 38/94 |
| 2. MMR |   |   |       |
| 6.     | ✓ | Needs Assessment for Genetic Services                                   | 39/94 |
| 9.     | ✓ | Distinction and Meritorious Service Committee Awards.                   | 40/94 |
| 14     | ✓ | Staff Grade Post in Ophthalmology, Antrim Hospital                      | 41/94 |
| 15     | ✓ | Mechanism for Conversion of Training Grade Post(s) to a consultant post |       |
| 10.    | ✓ | Liver Transplantation   |       |
| 11.    | ✓ | Notification of Maternal death  |       |
| 12.    | ✓ | The future of Long-Stay Psychiatric Hospitals in Northern Ireland.      | 42/94 |
| 13.    | ✓ | CMO/DPH Communications  |       |
| 16.    | ✓ | Any Other Business - Cardiac Surgery                                    |       |

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH/DHSS  
HELD ON FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER AT 10.30 AM IN DUNDONALD HOUSE**

1994

**PRESENT:**

**DsPH**

Dr W W M McConnell  
Dr P Donaghy  
Dr A M Telford

**Department:**

Dr C E Hall (Chairman)  
Dr H Campbell  
Dr P Woods  
Dr P McClements (Item 4)  
Dr G Mock (Item 5)  
Dr M Boyle (Items 6, 10)  
Dr E Mitchell (Item 9)  
Dr J D Acton (Items 12,13)  
Dr A Mairs (Item 15)  
Dr H Kilgore (Item 16)

**FURTHER  
ACTION**

**1. APOLOGIES**

[REDACTED]

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
5 SEPTEMBER 1994 - DsPH 35/94**

[REDACTED]

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

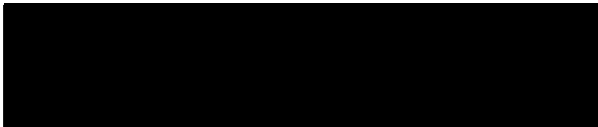
**(i) COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE  
PROFESSION**

Dr Mitchell said she would test communications with the public health doctors on call at an unspecified date.

**(ii) CO-OPERATION BETWEEN PUBLIC  
HEALTH MEDICINE IN NORTHERN  
IRELAND AND THE OXFORD REGION**

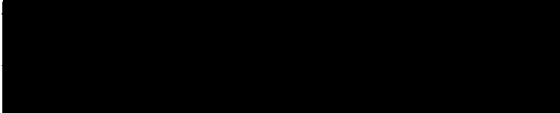
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Dr Mitchell to telephone public health doctors on call



(iii)

**PROCEDURES REGARDING "SICK DOCTORS" WHO SUFFER FROM DRUG ADDICTION**



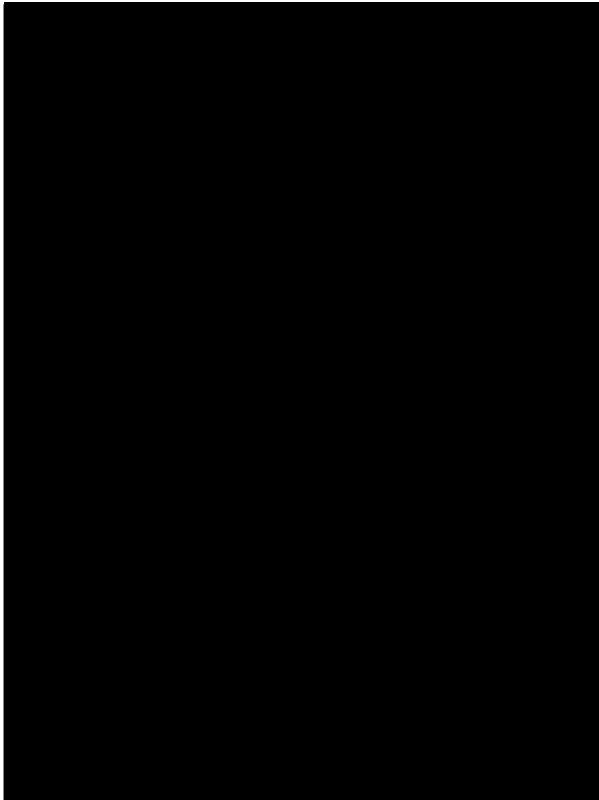
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**COVERT VIDEO SURVEILLANCE**



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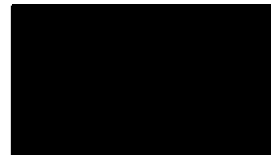
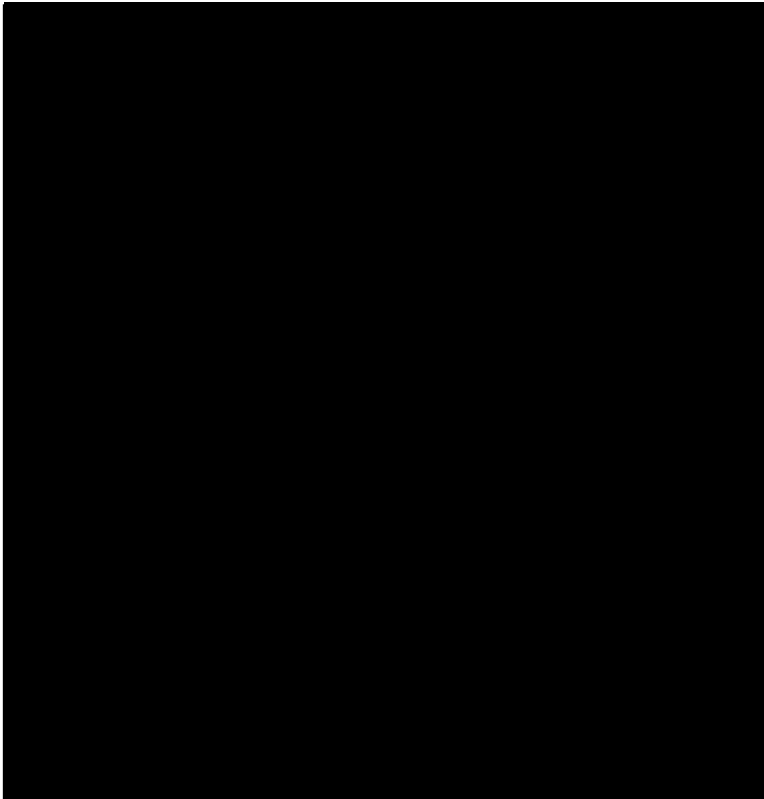
**THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DPH AND THE CCDC IN RELATION TO CHEMICAL INCIDENTS**



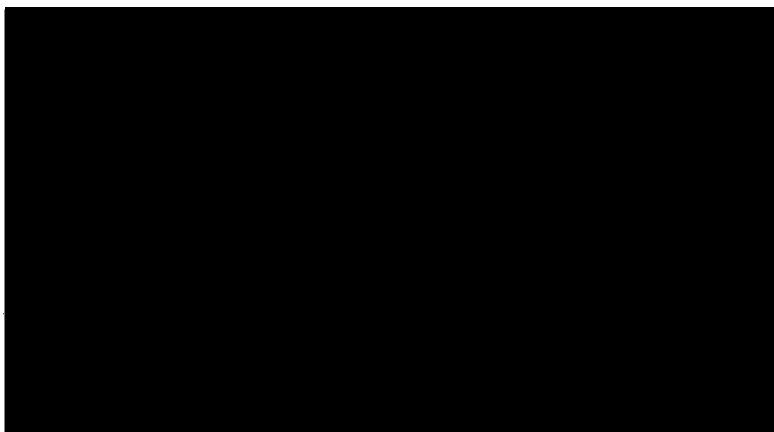
**(vi) FUNDING OF POSTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE**

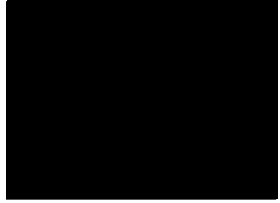
Dr Campbell said difficulties had arisen over the mechanism for funding these posts, and it had been agreed to make no changes this year.

**4. REPLACEMENT OF BREAST SCREENING EQUIPMENT - DsPH 36/94**

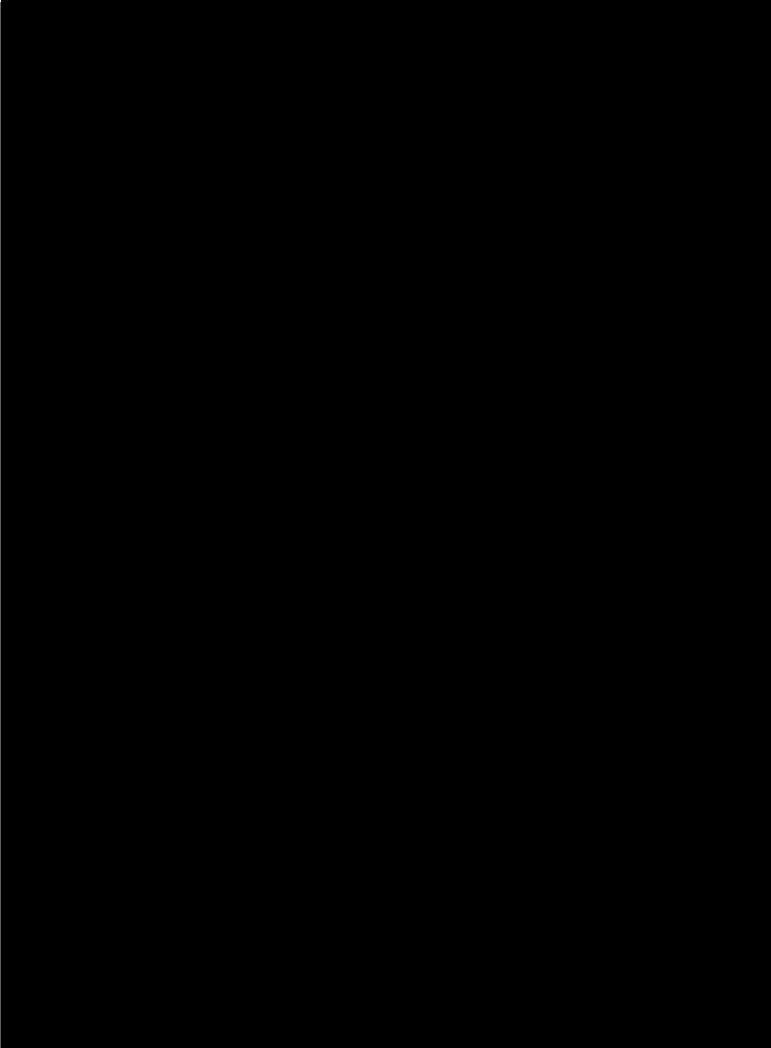


**5. REGIONAL PATHOLOGY AUDIT**





**6. DERMATOLOGY DAY CASES**



**7. REVIEW OF HEALTH PROMOTION - DsPH 37/94**



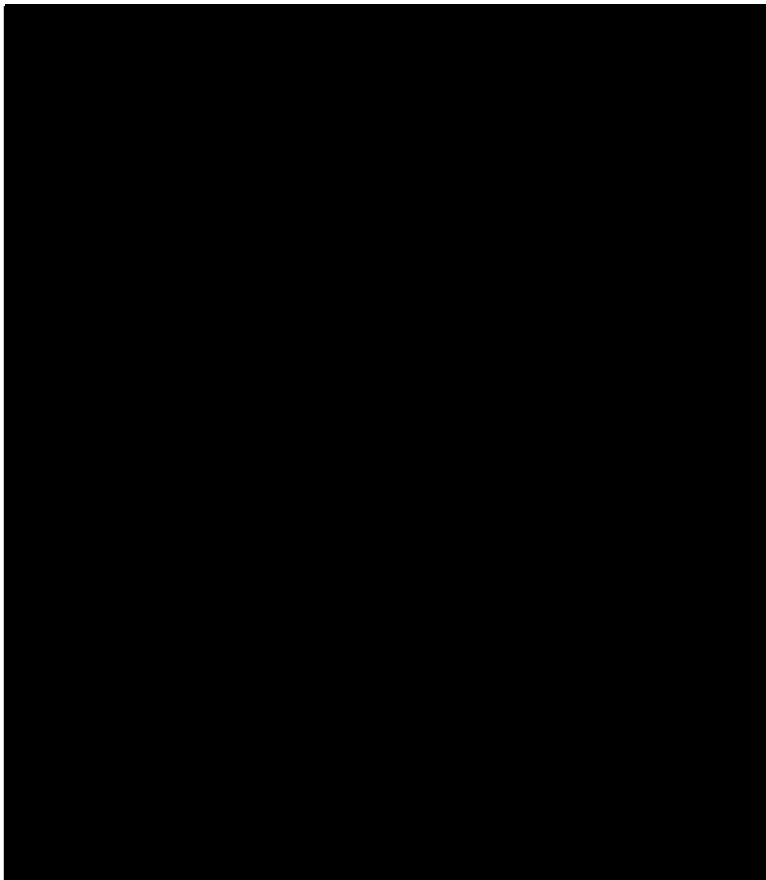
Dr Campbell said the review of the arrangements for health promotion had commenced, and should report by the end of December. She said Mr Brian Grzymek should be meeting DsPH shortly to discuss the matter. Dr Campbell added that the reason for the review was twofold: the statutory requirement for periodical review of all Government Agencies, and the need to review health promotion arrangements, flowing from the Report on the Purchasing Function.

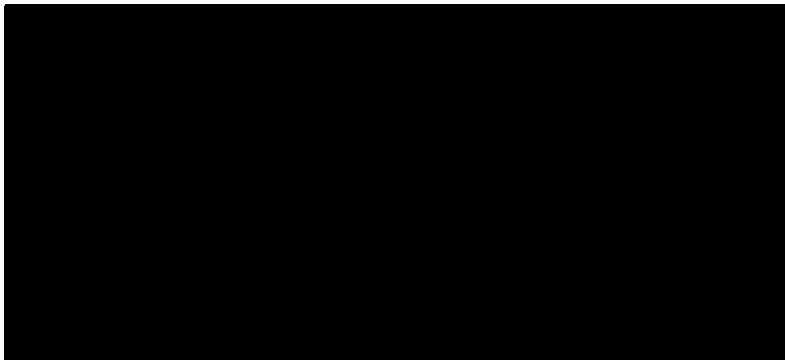
**8. STAR**

Dr Hall said the method by which STAR monies were allocated within hospitals had been reviewed. Despite views that the new arrangements distort prices, the Department believes that those hospitals involved in undergraduate education and research have basic associated infrastructural costs throughout all departments, and the proposed arrangements were an attempt to address this.

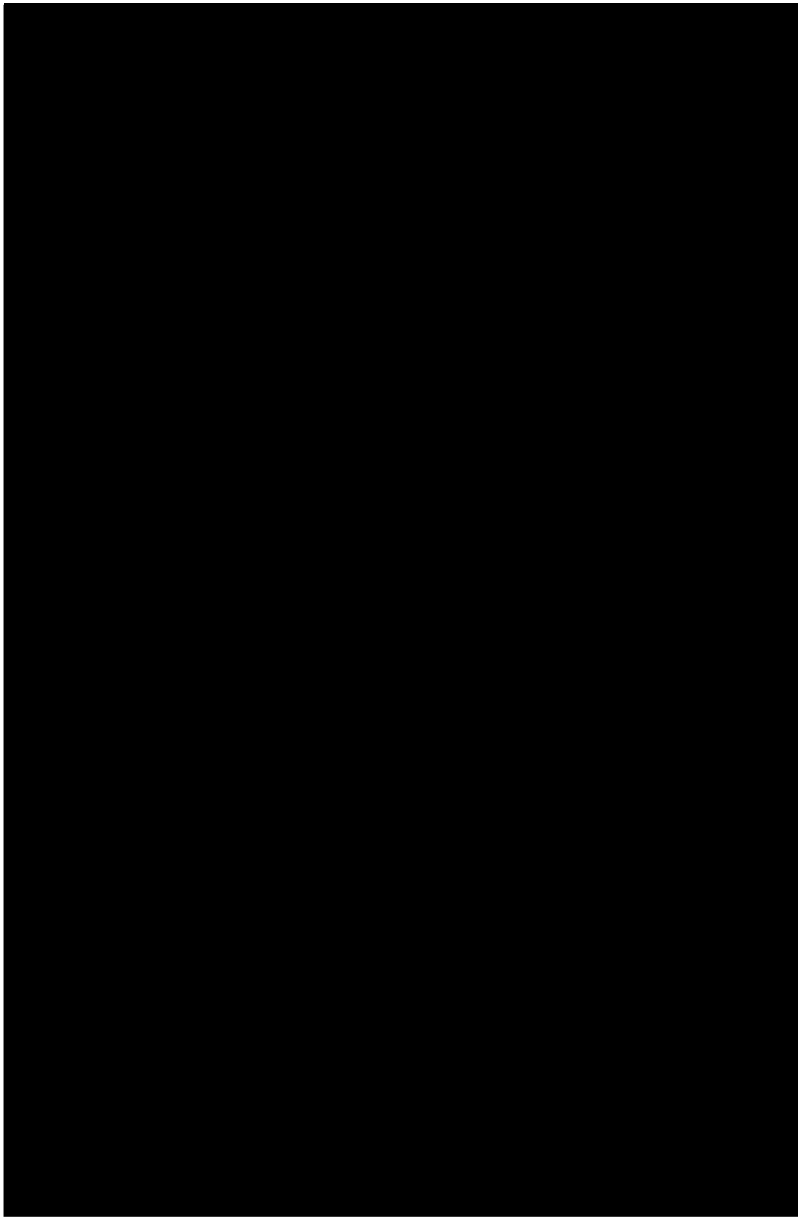
Dr Hall said that as undergraduate education became increasingly community based, a "Community STAR" will need to be introduced. The University had been asked to produce a report outlining the anticipated rate and extent of change. In addition, the Cullyer Report recommends a separation of research service costs from other Health Service expenditure. The implications for STAR of this change, assuming the Cullyer Report was accepted, which seemed likely, would need to be examined. DsPH were content with the new arrangements for STAR allocations.

**9. INTERNATIONAL STUDY OF ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES IN CHILDREN - DsPH 38/94**

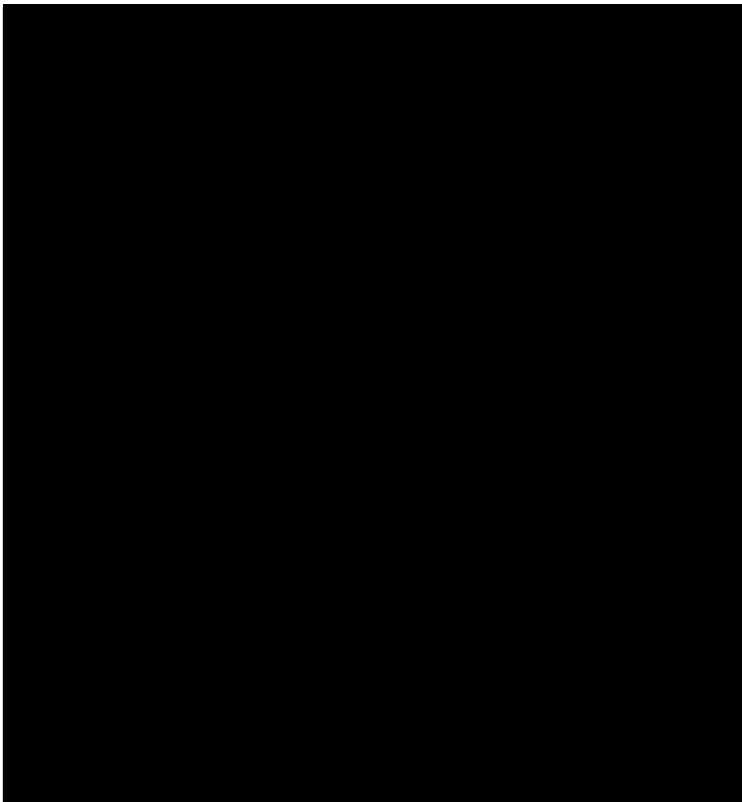




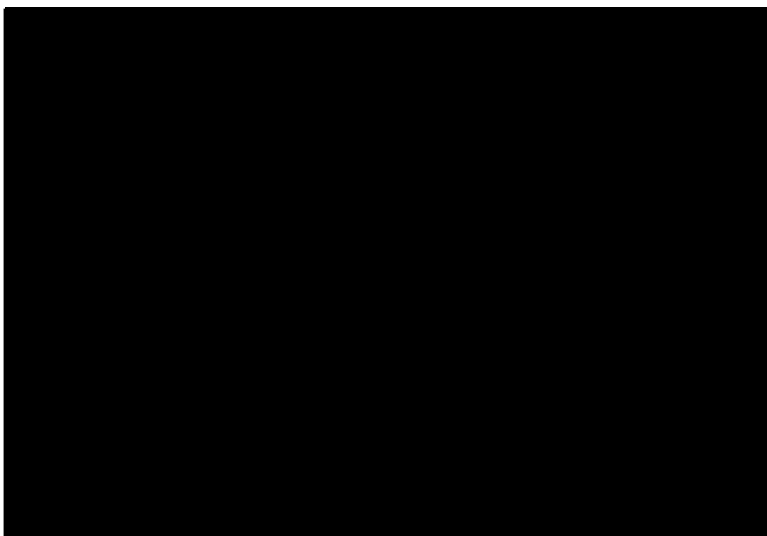
**MEASLES/RUBELLA VACCINATION**



**10. NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR GENETIC SERVICES -  
DsPH 39/94**



**11. DISTINCTION AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE  
COMMITTEE AWARDS - DsPH 40/94**



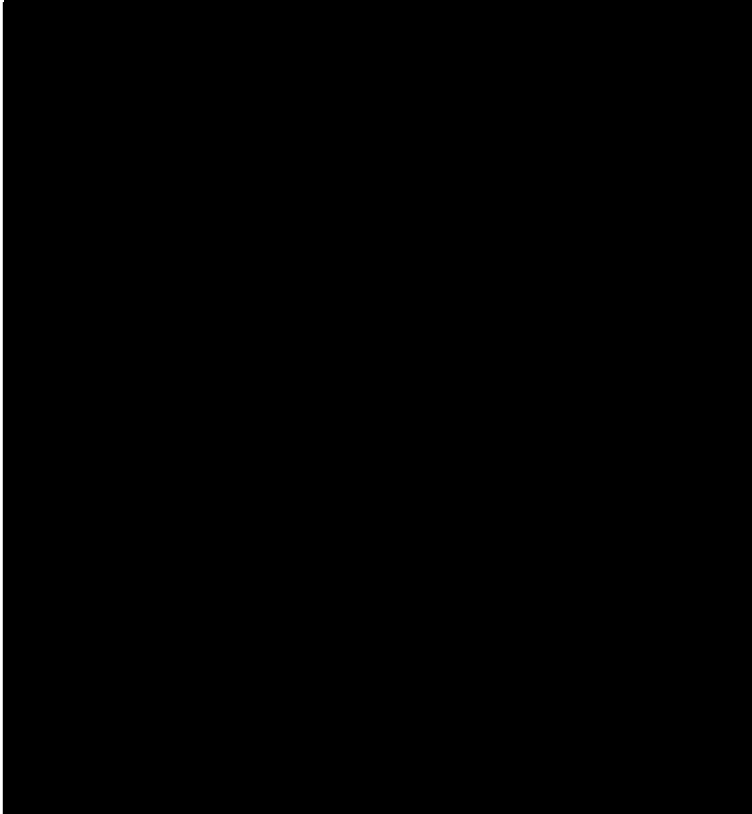
**12. STAFF GRADE POST IN OPHTHALMOLOGY,  
ANTRIM HOSPITAL - DsPH 41/94**



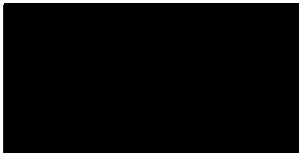
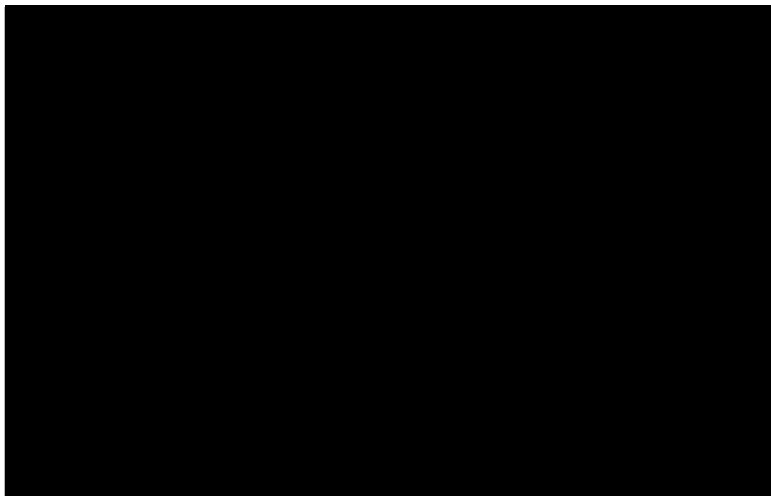




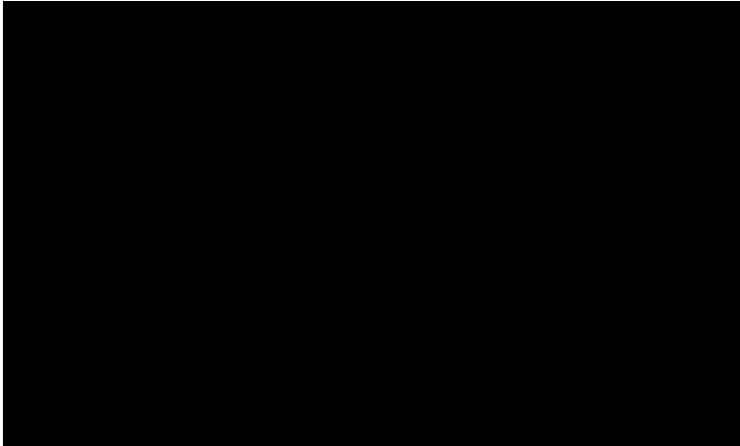
**13. MECHANISM FOR CONVERSION OF TRAINING GRADE POST(S) TO A CONSULTANT POST**



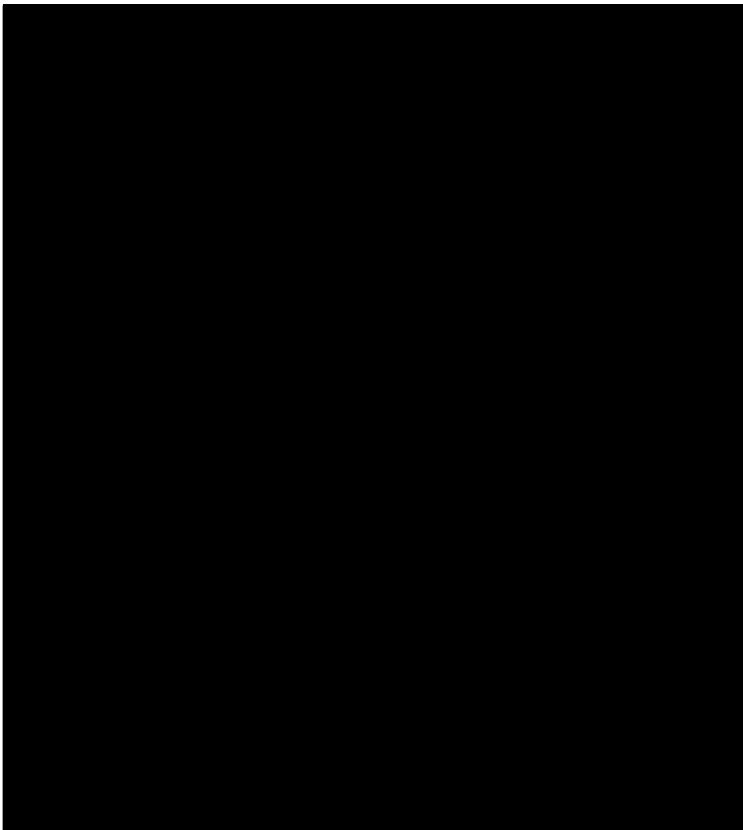
**14. LIVER TRANSPLANTATION**



**15. NOTIFICATION OF MATERNAL DEATH**

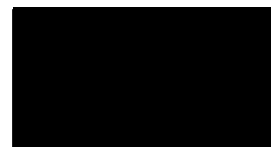


**16. THE FUTURE OF LONG STAY PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS IN NORTHERN IRELAND - DsPH 42/94**



**17. CMO/DPH COMMUNICATION**

Dr Donaghy was concerned that a number of publications which are issued by the CMO in Great Britain are not being issued to DsPH in Northern Ireland. Dr Hall said a great deal of literature arrives in the Department each day,

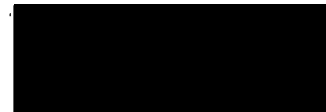


and it is not always clear how much of it has already reached the DsPH.

Dr Campbell said there is a list of circulars which Medical Branch receives regularly. She said this would be made available to DsPH.

List of circulars to be made available to DsPH

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**



**CARDIAC SURGERY**

