

**MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH/DHSSPS
MONDAY 14th MAY 2001
10.00AM – 1.00PM
ROOM CS.15, CASTLE BUILDINGS, BELFAST**

AGENDA

PAPERS

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| 1. | Welcome | |
| 2. | Apologies | |
| 3. | Minutes of the meeting 5 TH March 2001 | 12 /01 |
| 4. | VCJD | |
| | • Regional Decontamination Working Group | 13 /01 |
| | • Risk Assessment Report | 14 /01 |
| 5. | Organ Retention | 15 /01 |
| 6. | Public Health Aspects of Foot and Mouth Disease | |
| 7. | Screening Update | |
| 8. | Prostate Cancer Risk Management | |
| 9. | Cardiac Surgery | 16/01 |
| 10. | Development of sub-fertility services | 17/01 |
| 11. | Tobacco Control | 18 /01 |
| 12. | Data Retrieval in General Practice | 19 /01 |
| 13. | Executive Programme Funds NOF – Revenue Consequences | |
| 14. | Best Practice-Best Care | 20 /01 |
| 15. | Organophosphates | 21/01 |

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH/DHSSPS
HELD ON 14th MAY 2001, IN ROOM C5.15 CASTLE BUILDINGS, STORMONT.**

PRESENT:

DsPH
Dr W McConnell
Dr D Stewart
Dr A M Telford
Prof. J Watson

DEPARTMENT

Dr H Campbell
Dr P Darragh
Dr M Boyle
Dr M Briscoe
Dr M McCarthy
Dr M Mark
Dr G Meek

1. WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14th MAY 2001

4. VCJD

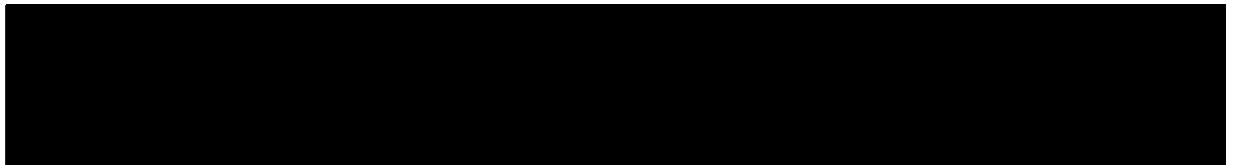
- **Regional Decontamination Working Group**

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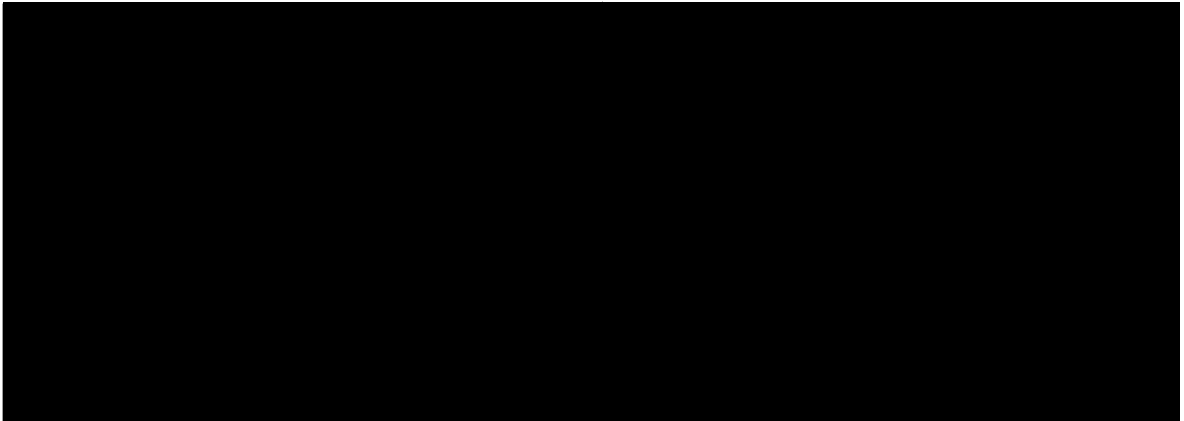
- **Risk Assessment Report**

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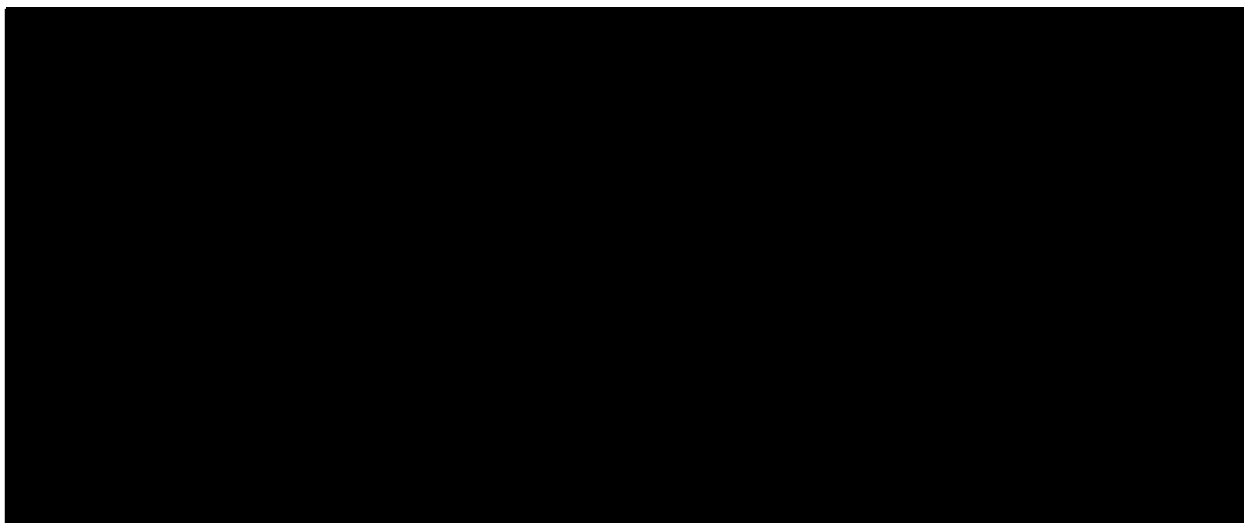


5. ORGAN RETENTION

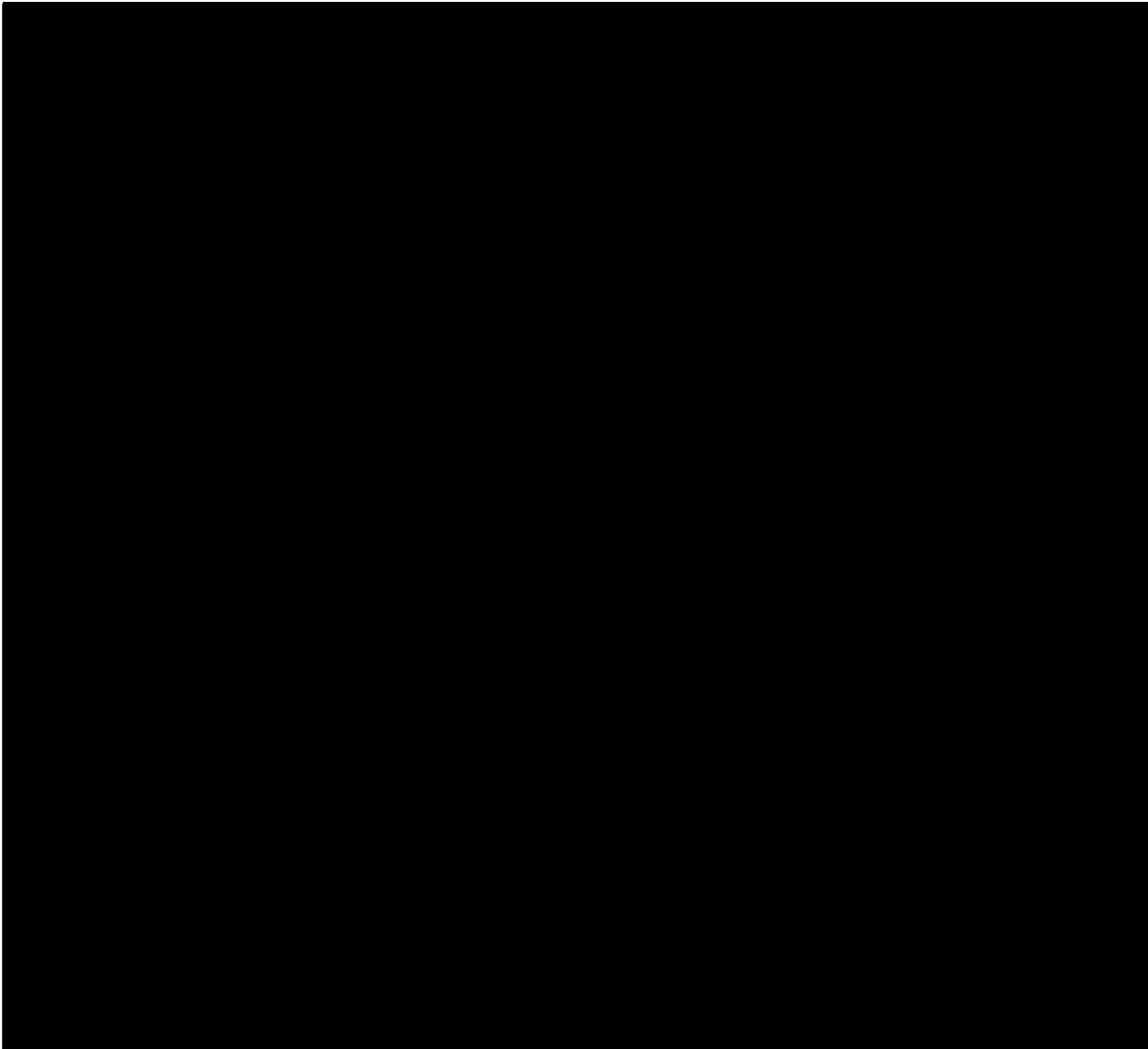
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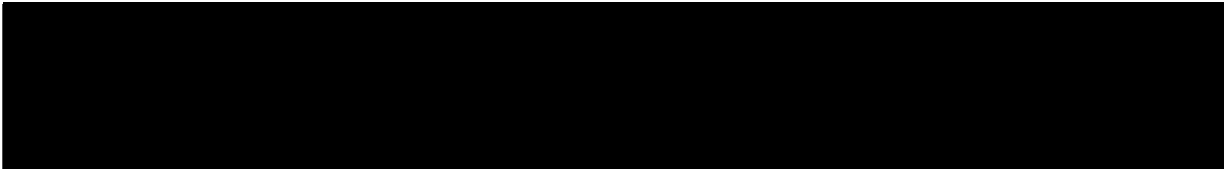
6. PUBLIC HEALTH ASPECTS OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE



7. SCREENING UPDATE

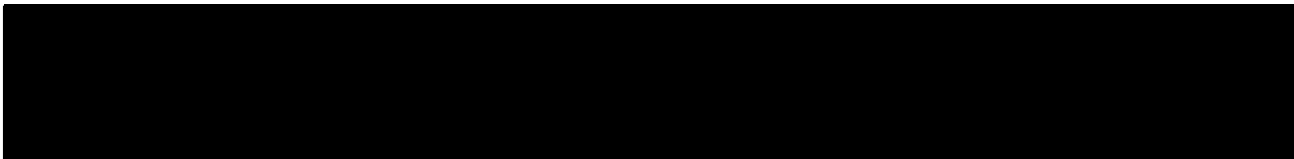


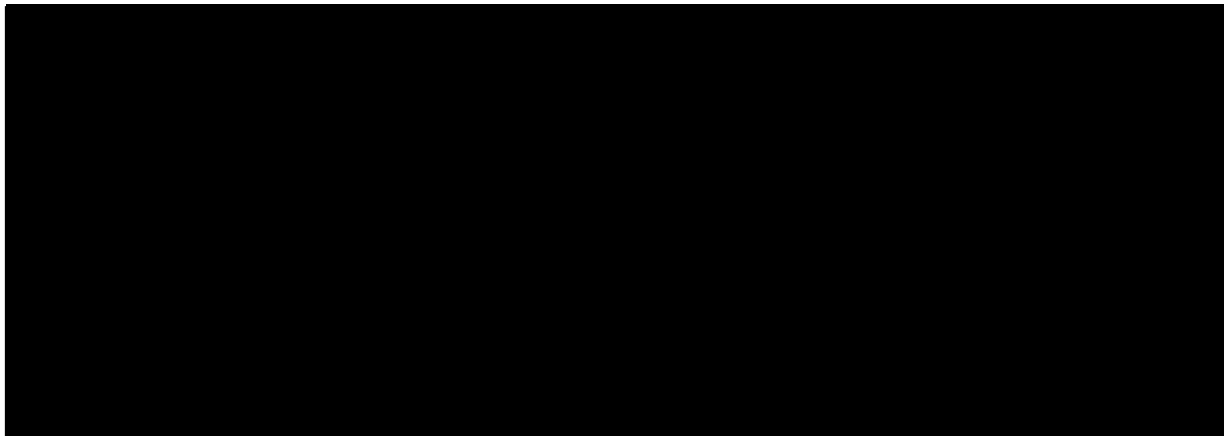
8. PROSTATE CANCER RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME



9. CARDIAC SURGERY

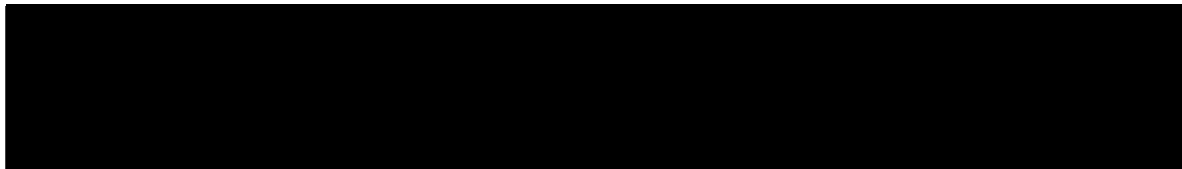
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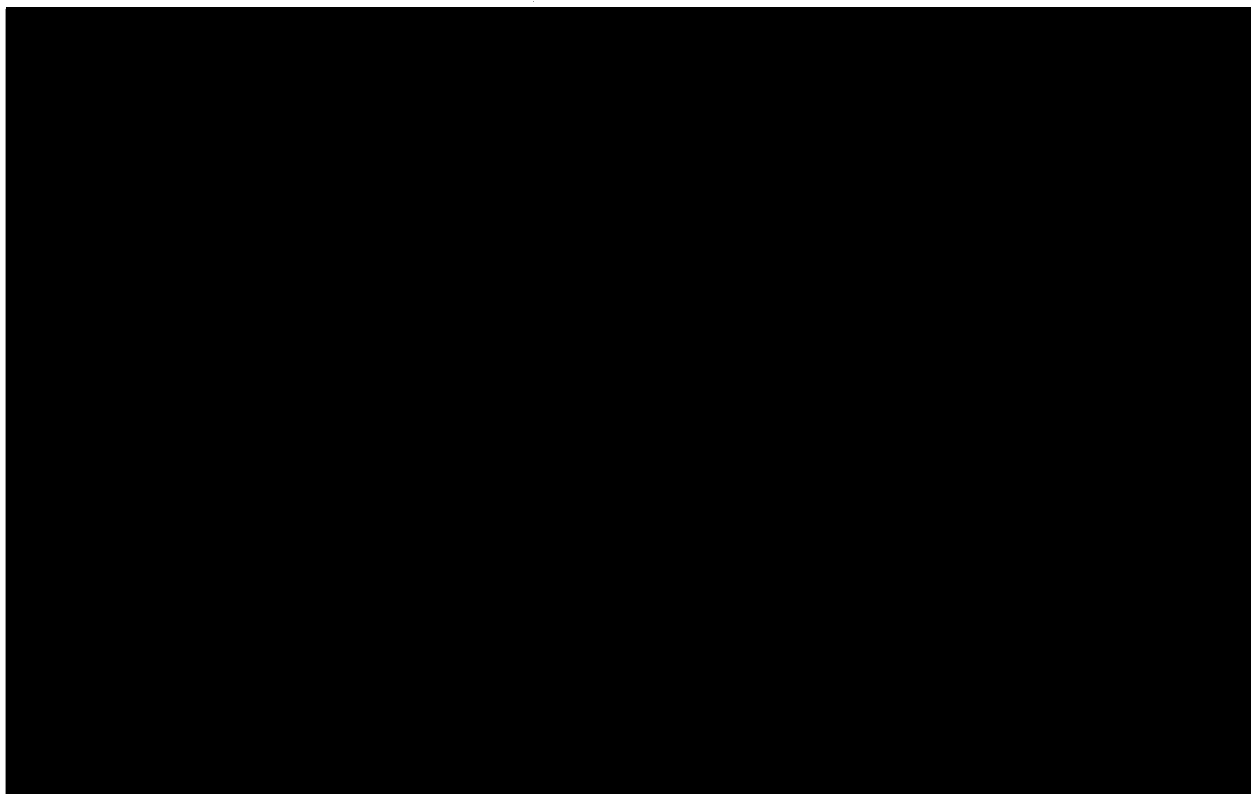
10. DEVELOPMENT OF SUB-FERTILITY SERVICES

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11. TOBACCO CONTROL

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12. DATA RETRIEVAL IN GENERAL PRACTICE

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All participants were in agreement that DRGP should be progressed on a regional basis. It was felt that both the remit of the Regional Strategic Group and the Management Group should be carefully considered. For the Regional, in addition to GPs and departmental representation, it was considered that there was a need to have both epidemiological/academic expertise to drive the work of the steering group. It was proposed, therefore, that Professor Frank Kee and Dr Brian Smyth should be considered for membership of the steering group, in addition to Dr Brid Farrell from the Southern Board and Dr Dennis Boyd from the Northern Board. Dr Stewart highlighted the importance of having Mr Mark Eustice, who was involved in this project in the Eastern Board, on the group.

It was agreed that Dr David Stewart would put together priorities from a Board perspective, taking account of priorities identified, for example, in certain chronic diseases, communicable diseases and cancer. To this end it was considered that Dr Stewart may wish to contact individuals such as Dr Anna Gavin from the Cancer Registry, Dr Brian Smyth from the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre, Dr Brid Farrell and Dr Richard Smithson, both public health physicians in the Southern and Western Board respectively.

It was also suggested that there should be some information/IT input from the Boards into the Management Group and, in addition to this, Mr Eugene Gallagher's name, from the Western Board, was proposed for the Management Group.

ACTION POINT: DR STEWART TO COMPLETE REPORT

13. EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME FUNDS NOF - REVENUE CONSEQUENCES

14. BEST PRACTICE - BEST CARE

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This consultation document has now been published. Dr Stewart expressed concern about the number of new structures that had been proposed. Dr McConnell considered that this document should be linked with the Confidence in the Future document. He stated that it was important that systems were addressed rather than targeting individuals.

The work of CREST was considered especially important. Members felt it was important to build on the work of Crest within the new structures. The DsPH will be commenting officially on the document.

15. ORGANOPHOSPHATES

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