

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC
HEALTH / DHSSPS HELD ON 2nd JULY 2001, IN ROOM C5.15
CASTLE BUILDINGS, STORMONT.**

PRESENT:

Mr R McMillen
Dr J Little
Professor F Kee

DsPH

Dr W McConnell
Dr D Stewart
Dr A M Telford
Professor J Watson

DEPARTMENT

Dr H Campbell
Dr P Darragh
Dr M Mark
Dr E Mitchell
Dr L Doherty

1. WELCOME

[REDACTED]

2. APOLOGIES

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3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14 MAY 2001 – DsPH 22/01

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4. MATTERS ARISING

- **Regional Decontamination Working Group – DsPH 23/01**

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- **CMO Report on Organ Retention**

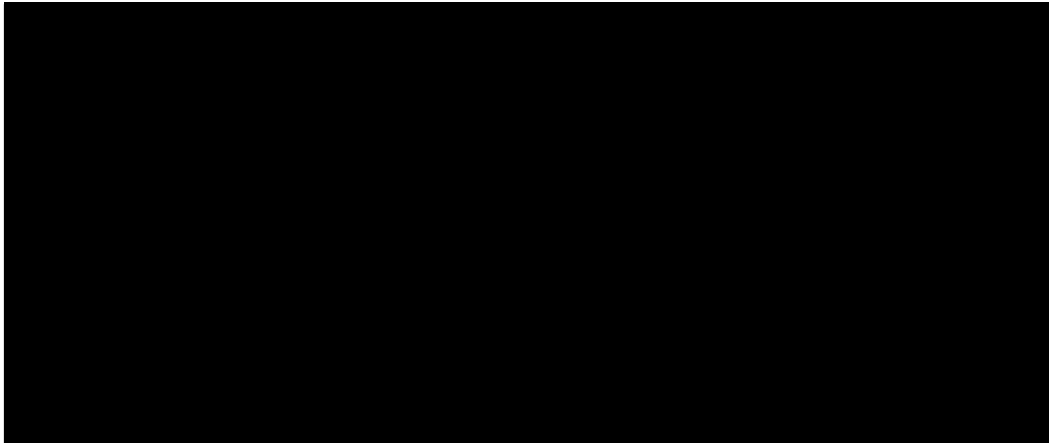


• **Data Retrieval in General Practice**

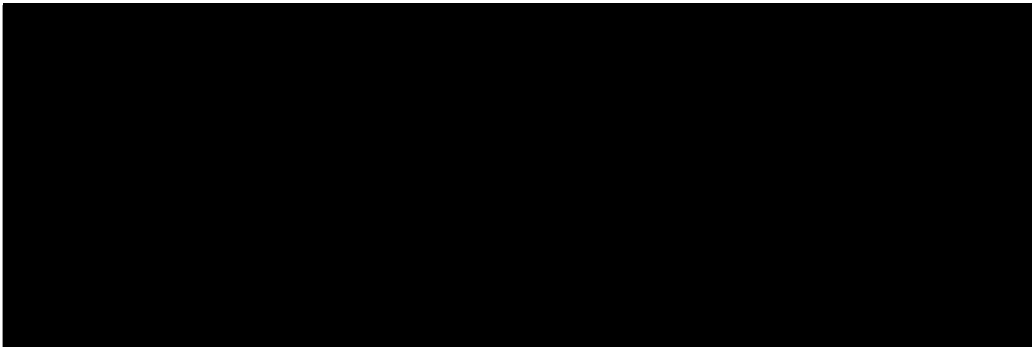
Dr Stewart gave an update on this item. Lead persons from each Board have been identified. Two proposed areas for data retrieval are diabetes and coronary heart disease. Dr McConnell requested that the collection of data should be considered in the context of local health and social care groups. CMO was pleased that diabetes was being considered and that an initiative to improve the quality of diabetes care in primary care would be helpful. A discussion followed on diabetic care. Dr McConnell stated that local models of care could achieve high standards in diabetic care. CREST has undertaken a considerable amount of work in this area. The Eastern Board has an ongoing audit of diabetic care in 75 practices – this has led to an increase in standards. At present there is no National Standard Framework for diabetes. CMO considered that DsPHs have a major role in raising standards in this area.

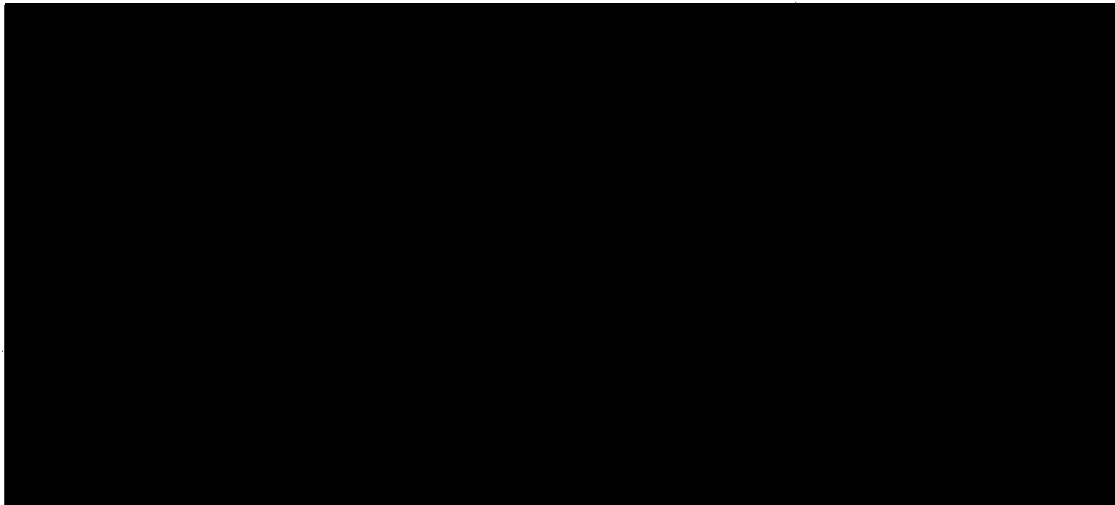
ACTION: Dr Stewart - to discuss primary care initiatives in diabetes with Dr Cullen.

5. **QUALITY IN FAMILY PLANNING - DsPH 24/01**

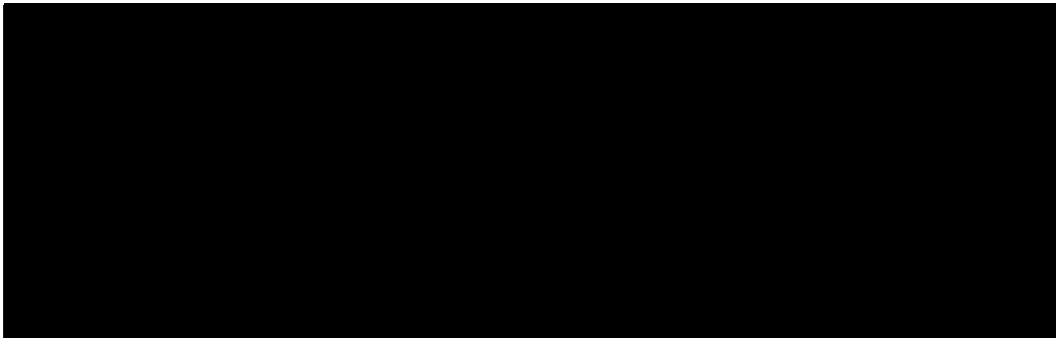


6. **SCREENING UPDATE - DsPH 25/01**

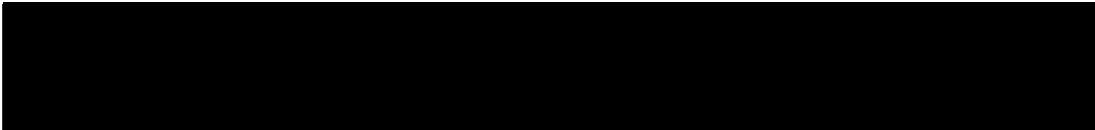




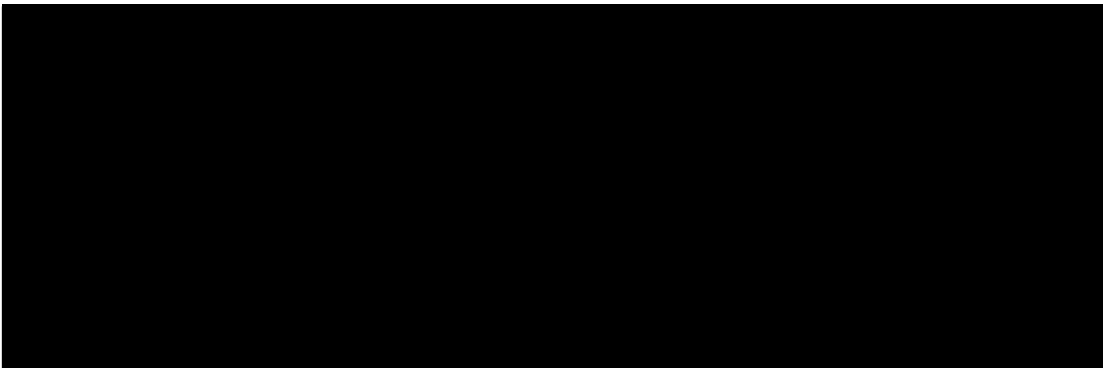
7. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INCIDENTS - DsPH 26/01



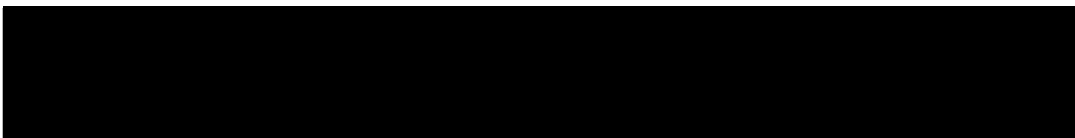
8. HAYES REVIEW

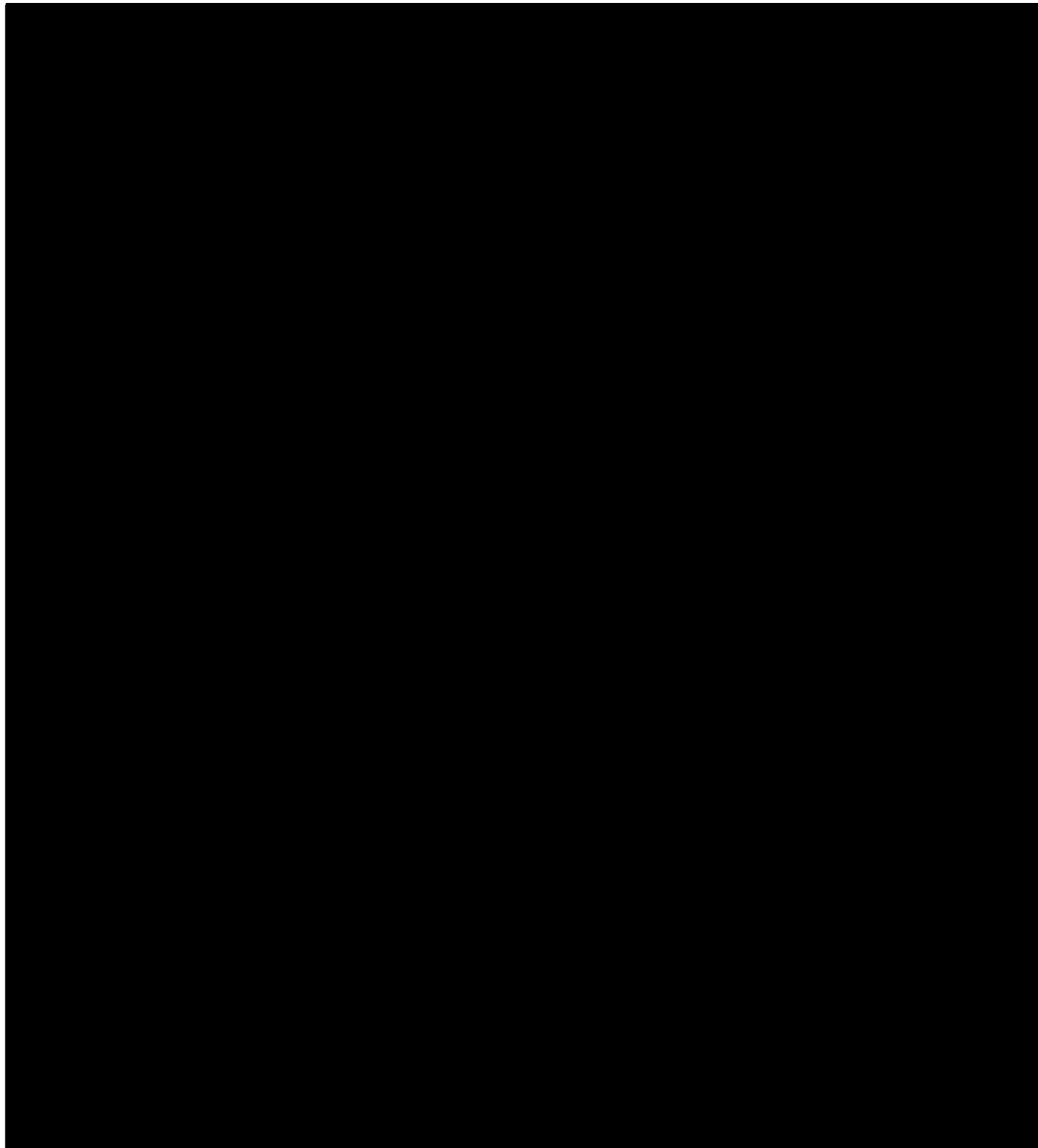


9. CARDIAC SURGERY REVIEW - DsPH 27/01

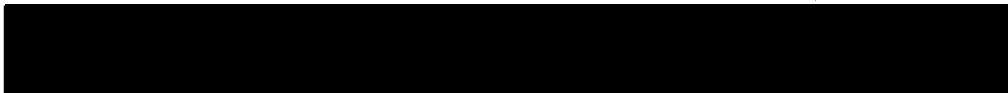


10. CANCER SERVICES WORKFORCE PLANNING

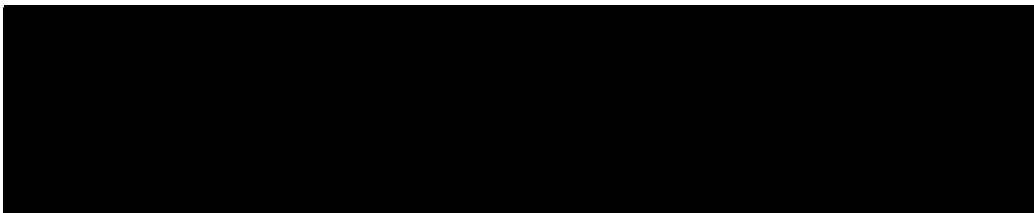




11. SASHU, -WATER LANDFILL STUDY AND RAPID INQUIRY FACILITY



12. CONGENITAL ANOMALY IN NORTHERN IRELAND - DsPH 28/01



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13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i. Cancer Services: Extending Two-Week Outpatient Appointment Targets

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ii. Regional Advisory Committee on Cancer - 2nd Report

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iii. Hyponatraemia

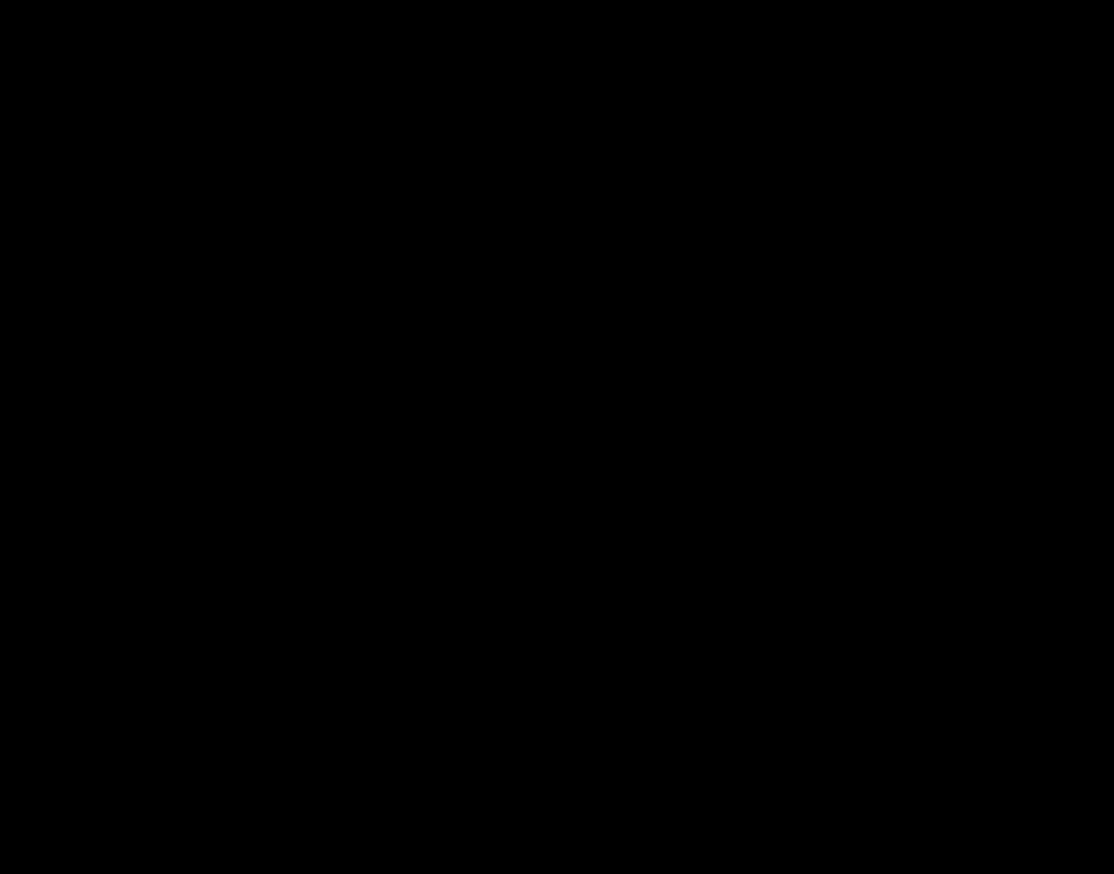
Dr McConnell highlighted a recent death in Altnagelvin Hospital of a child due to Hyponatraemia caused by fluid imbalance. Current evidence shows that certain fluids are used incorrectly post operatively. It was agreed that guidelines should be issued to all units.

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ACTION POINTS**

	ACTION
ITEM 4 – MATTERS ARISING	
Data Retrieval in General Practice	
Discuss primary care initiatives in diabetes with Dr Cullen	Dr Stewart
	

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