

**MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH/DHSSPS
MONDAY 3rd September 2001
10.00AM – 1.00PM
ROOM C5.15, CASTLE BUILDINGS, BELFAST**

PRESENT:

DEPARTMENT

Dr H Campbell
Dr M Boyle
Dr Mark
Dr L Doherty
Dr C Willis

DsPH

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

1. WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 2ND JULY 2001

4. MATTERS ARISING

- Hyponatraemia

Dr Campbell informed the group that Dr Paul Darragh is in the process of setting up a Working Group to consider Hyponatraemia in children. The Group will make recommendations on the fluid balance in children. These will be presented to SAC Surgery, SAC Paediatrics and SAC Anaesthetics.

5. PERINATAL/CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS

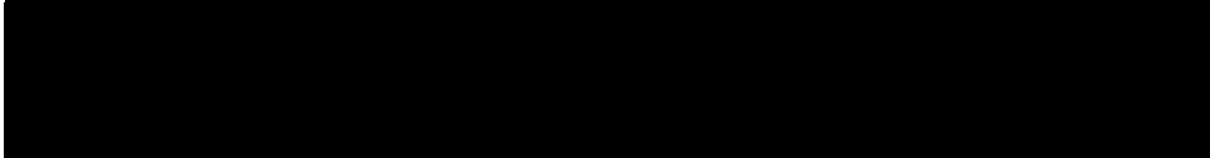
Dr Willis introduced the paper on Investing for Health and the Perinatal/Child Information in Northern Ireland. The Department considered it important to build on existing groups and share information.

Dr McConnell highlighted the disability register under the remit of Social Services. The Child Health System is also a Disability Register. He considered that a radical re-look of the Child Health System should be considered, as the current users have difficulty operating the

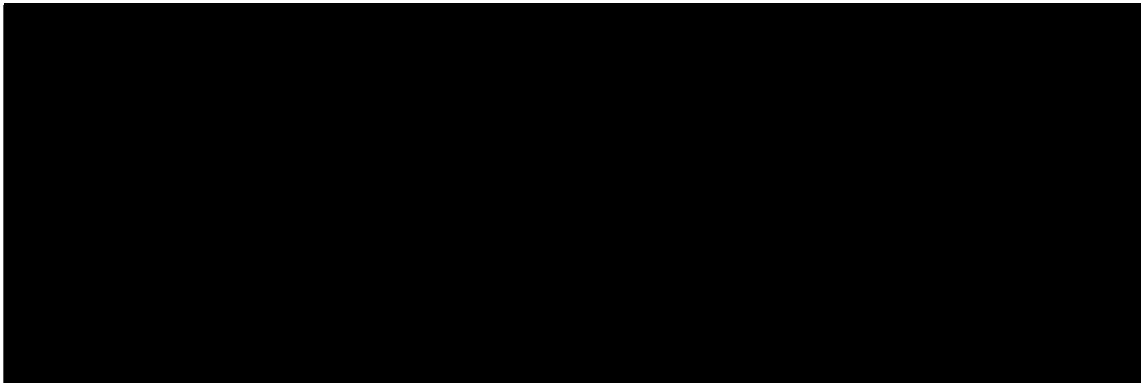
system. Dr Stewart brought to the attention of members that the Regional Information Strategy is ongoing and that a formal proposal for integration of Perinatal and Child Health systems should be put forward for inclusion in this strategy. It was agreed that the Regional Perinatal Information Group should be consulted in this business case, through discussion with Dr Beattie.

ACTION POINT: DR WILLIS/DR BEATTIE TO TAKE FORWARD.

6. SASHU, WATER CHLORINATION STUDY

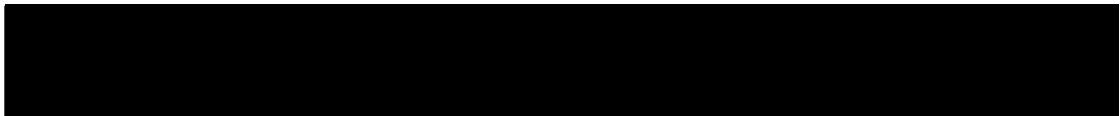


7. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INCIDENTS

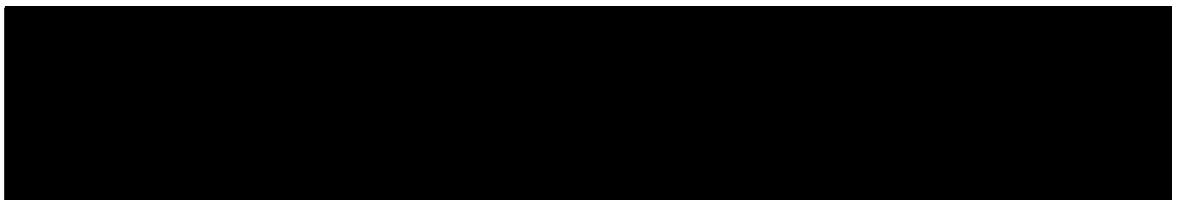


8. SCREENING UPDATE

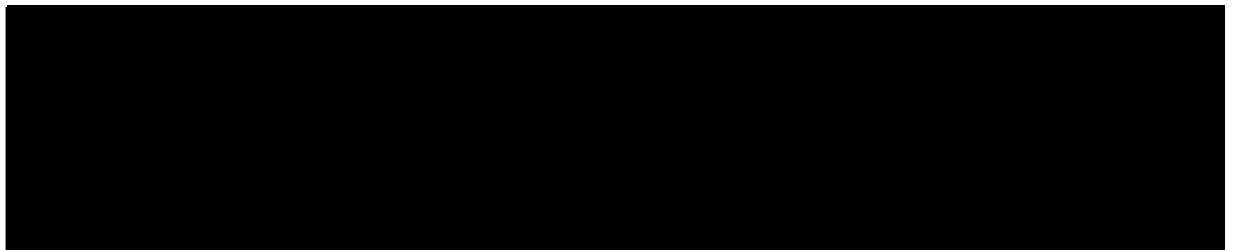
- **Update on Cervical Screening System**

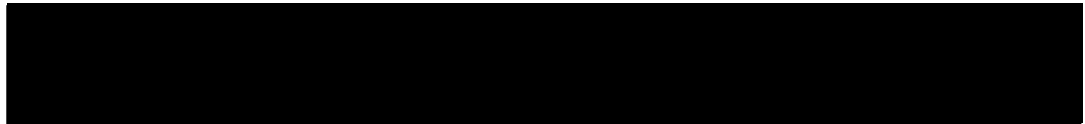


- **Update on Diabetic Retinopathy Screening**

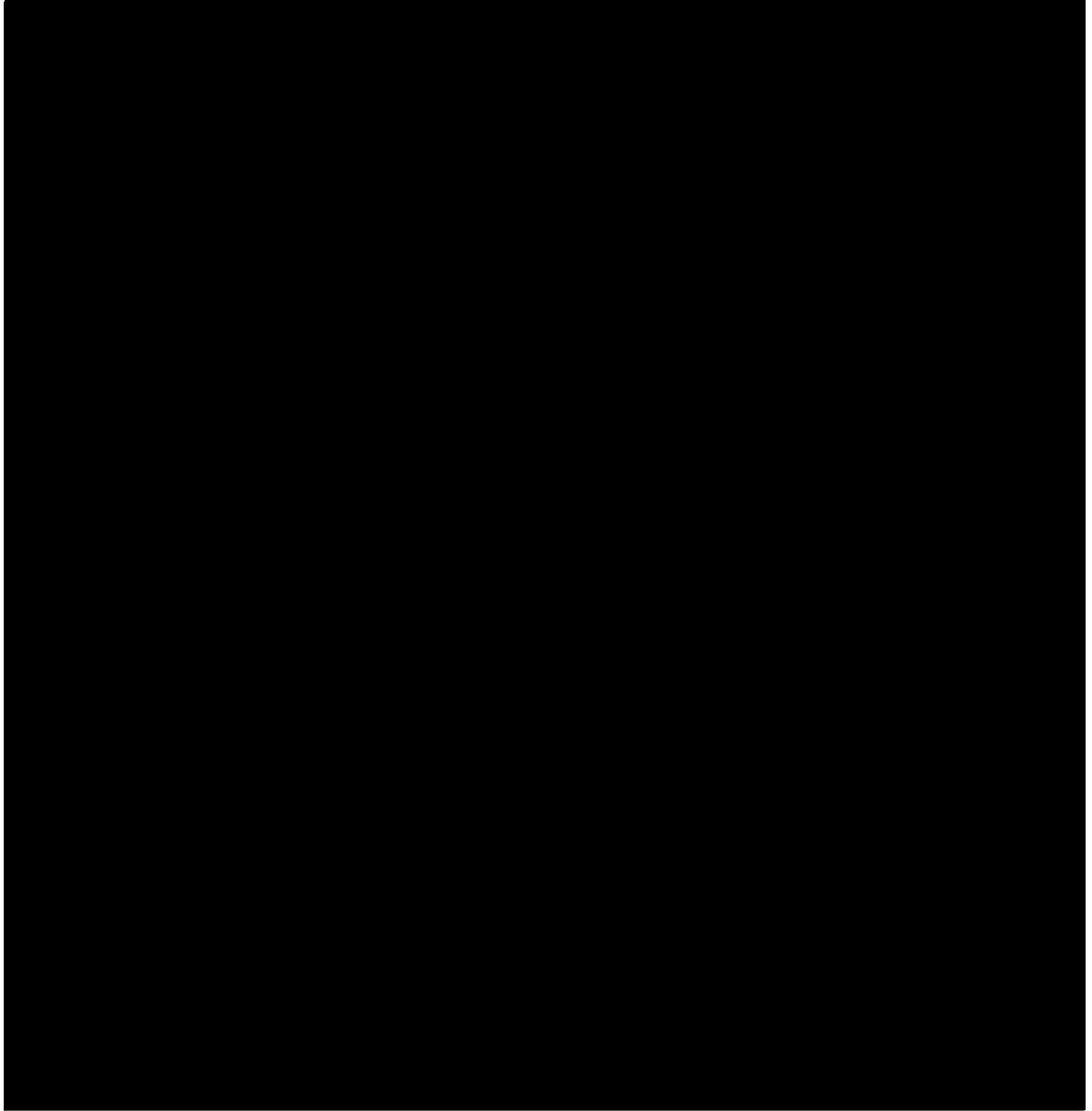


- **Hearing Screening**

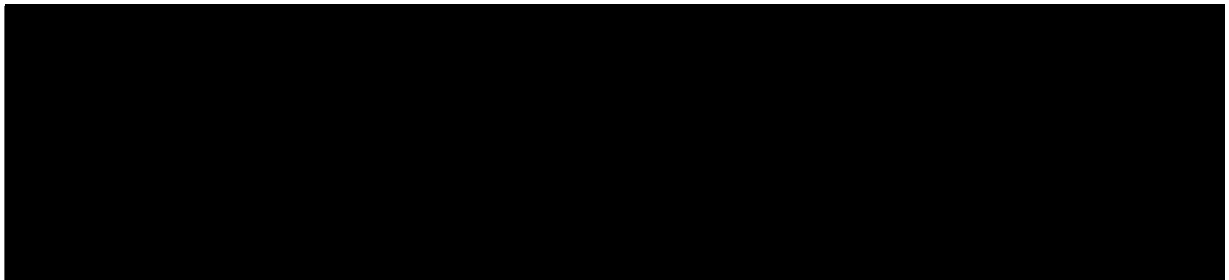




- **Ante-Natal Screening**

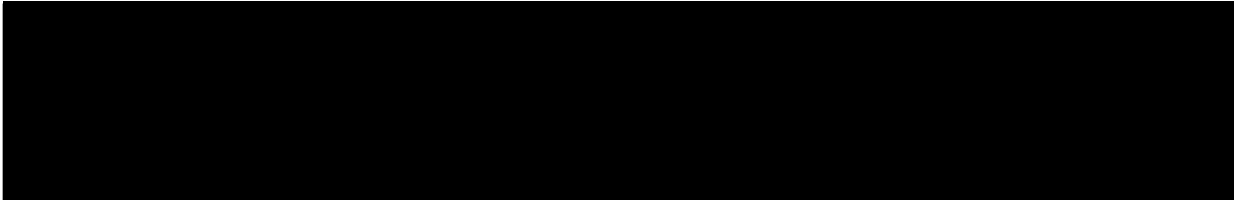


9. MAINTAINING GP SKILLS FOR CHILD SURVEILLANCE

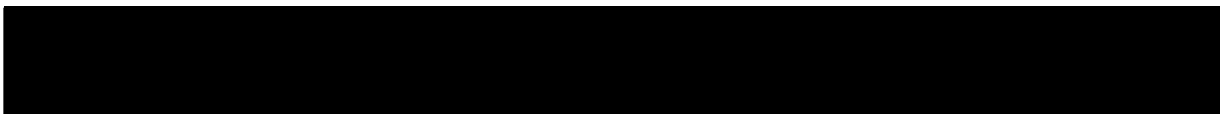




10. CARE OF CHILDREN REQUIRING LONG -TERM VENTILATORY SUPPORT



11. ISSUE OF ALERT LETTERS



12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **NEUROSURGERY**

