

**MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH/DHSSPS
MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2002
10.00 AM - 1.00 PM
ROOM C5.15, CASTLE BUILDINGS, BELFAST**

PRESENT

DEPARTMENT

Dr H Campbell
Dr P Darragh
Dr E Mitchell
Dr M Mark
Dr M Boyle
Dr M McCarthy
Dr N Chada
Dr C Willis

DsPH

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

1. WELCOME

[REDACTED]

2. APOLOGIES

[REDACTED]

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2001

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4. MATTERS ARISING

• **Hyponatraemia**

These Guidelines are now available for distribution and will be issued in A2 laminated format.

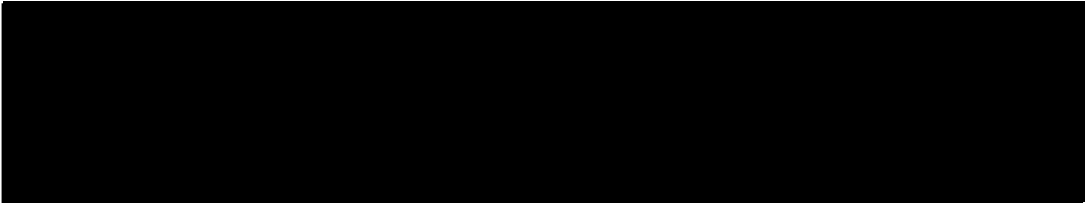
• **Neurosurgery/Neurology**

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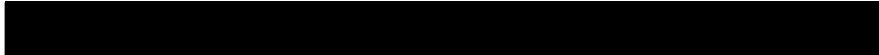
• **NI Fracture Service**

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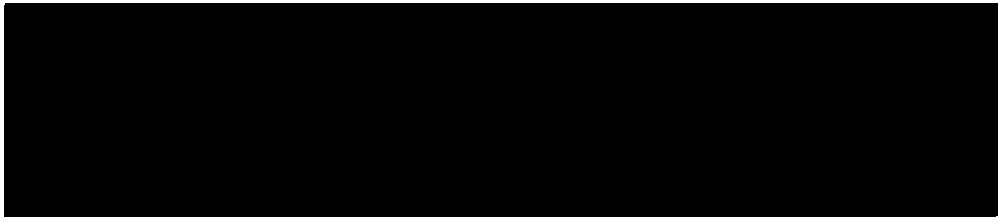
• **Winter Pressures**



- **Bio-terrorism**



- **School Health Review**



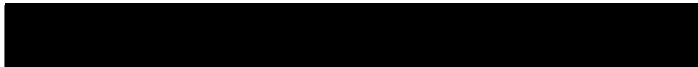
5. PUBLIC HEALTH

- **Investing for Health**

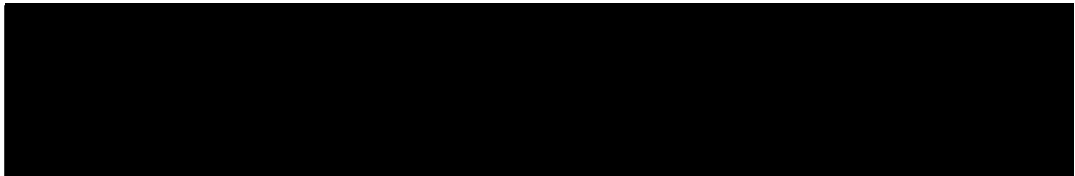
This document has been referred to the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister. It is anticipated it will be launched at the end of March.

Dr Mitchell informed the meeting that she is chairing a Needs and Effectiveness Evaluation Group. The remit of the group is to consider the Health Development Budget. This work is difficult to cost and benchmark. At present a very small proportion of the budget is allocated to health promotion. It is anticipated that gaps in the provision of services in Northern Ireland will be highlighted.

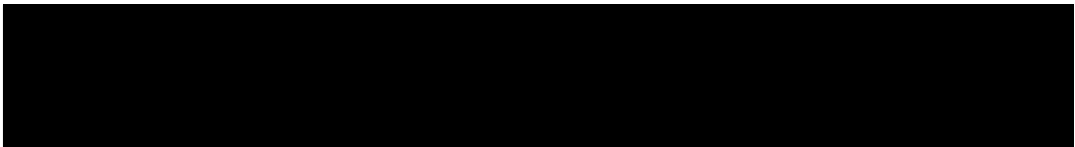
Review of Public Health Function



- **Public Health Information**

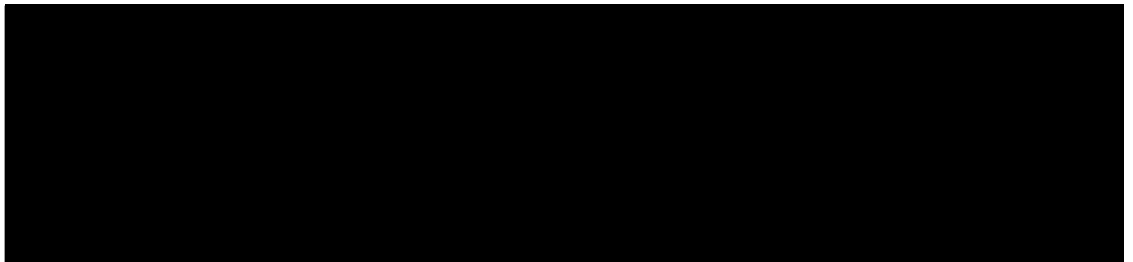


6. SCREENING UPDATE





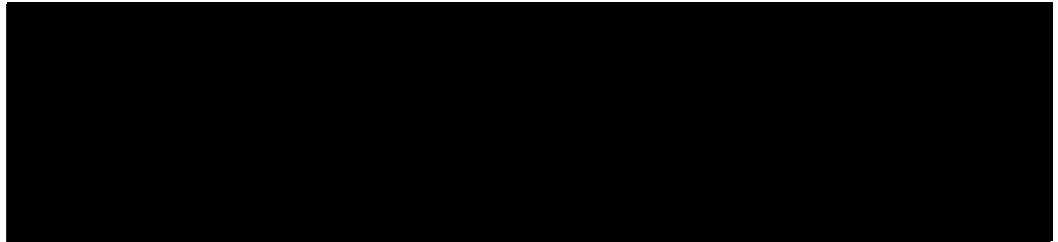
- **Antenatal screening**



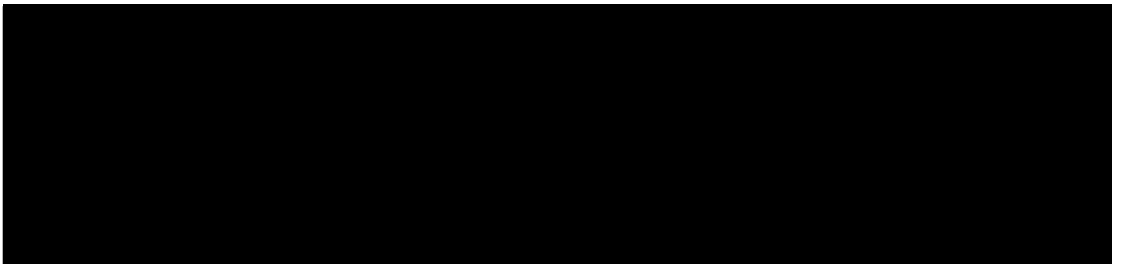
- **Diabetic Retinopathy**



7. DECONTAMINATION



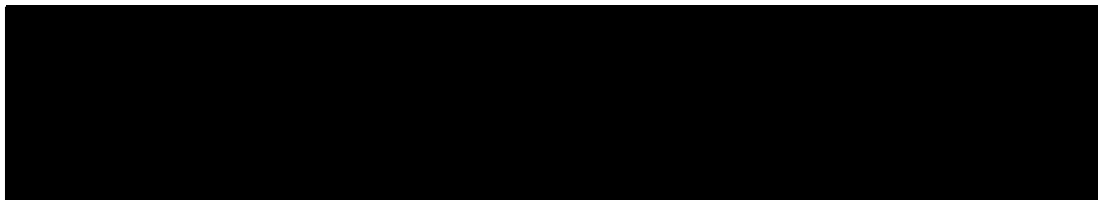
8. TONSILLECTOMY



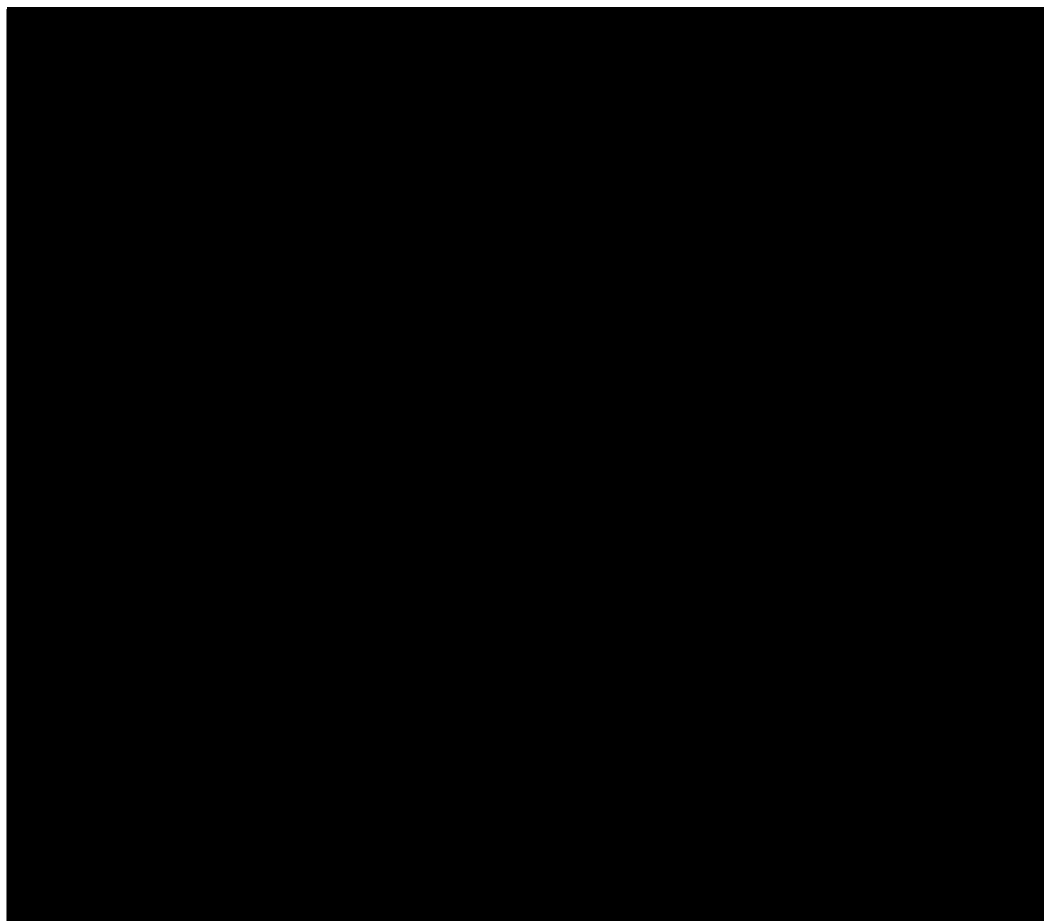
9. CONSENT TO TREATMENT AND EXAMINATION

The Department is at present developing new draft guidance on Consent to Examination and Treatment. It is hoped that this guidance will be implemented by end 2002.

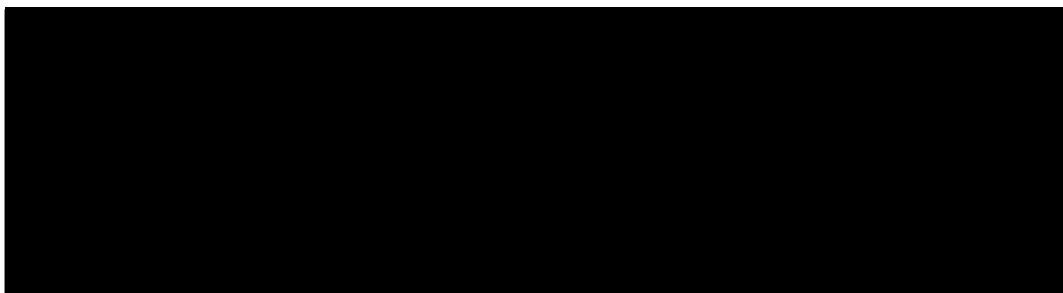
10. CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES



11. BACTERAMIA SURVEILLANCE/ MEMBERSHIP OF HISC ADVISORY BOARD

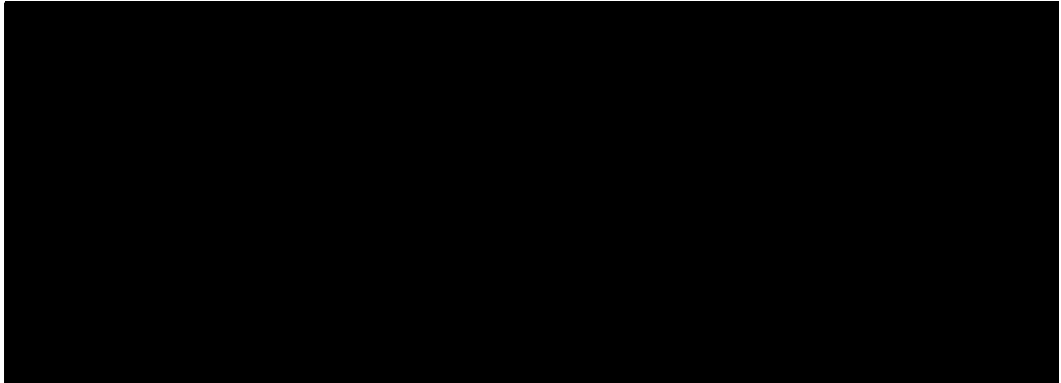


12. BRACHYTHERAPY

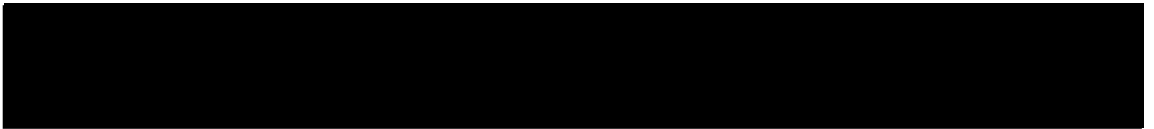


13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **MMR**



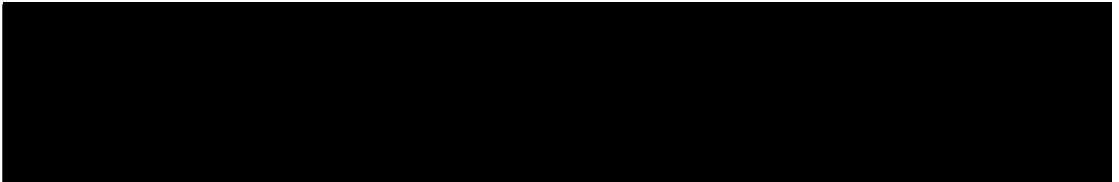
- **Hayes Report**



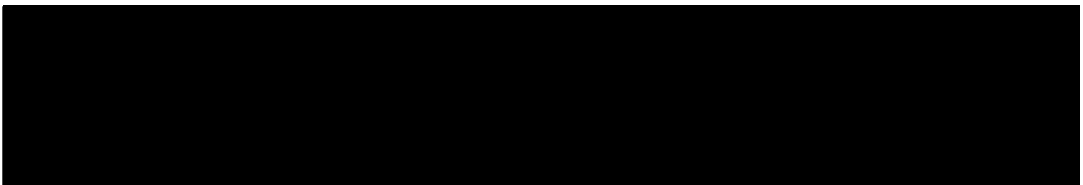
- **Review of Public Administration**

CMO advised that there is to be a review of this and that Health Boards and Trusts will be part of this review.

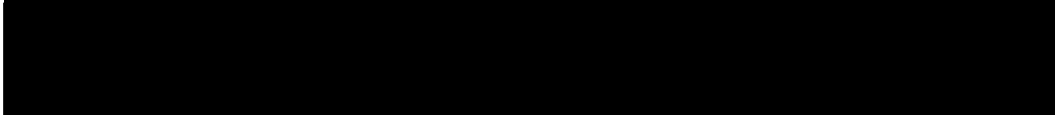
- **Chief Environmental Health Officer**



- **VCJD**



- **Domiciliary Oxygen**



- **Smoking Cessation**

