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**MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH / DHSSPS
MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER, 10.00 - 12.00
ROOM C5.15, CASTLE BUILDINGS**

AGENDA

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1. Welcome ✓
2. Apologies ✓
3. Minutes of the meeting held 2 September 2002 ✓ 38/02
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 - Child Protection Issues (Dr McConnell) ✓ 39/02
 - Reporting of Maternal Deaths (Dr Carson) ✓
 - Breast Cancer Services (Prof Watson) ✓
5. Cancer Waiting Times Target (Breast Cancer) (Dr Mitchell) ✓ 40/02
6. Screening Update (Dr Boyle) ✓ 41/02
7. Lymphoedema Services (Dr Angela Garvey) ✓ 42/02
8. Services for Patients with Infection (Dr Mitchell) 43/02
9. Serious Communicable Diseases in Health Care Workers (Dr Doherty) ✓
10. Exchange of Data Between CESDI and Child Health System (Dr Willis) ✓ 44/02
11. Small Area Health Statistics Unit Studies (Dr Skan) 45/02
12. Review of NI Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education (Dr Woods) 46/02
13. Review of Mental Health Legislation and Policy (Dr Carson) 47/02
14. Pre-hospital Cardiac Care (Dr Carson) 48/02
15. Update on Neurosurgery and Neurology Issues (Dr Briscoe) 49/02
16. Update on Regional Group on Specialist Drugs (Dr Briscoe)
17. Update on Best Practice – Best Care (Dr Briscoe)
18. Any Other Business
 - Representation of Health & Social Services Boards on Specialty Advisory Committee Paediatrics (Dr Carson) 50/02



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH/CMO
MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2002
10.00 AM - 1.00 PM
ROOM C5.15, CASTLE BUILDINGS**

**PRESENT
DEPARTMENT**

Dr I Carson (Chairperson)
Dr E Mitchell
Dr M Mark
Dr L Doherty
Dr C Willis
Dr M Briscoe
Dr G Mock
Dr P Woods
Dr D Skan
Mrs J Henry

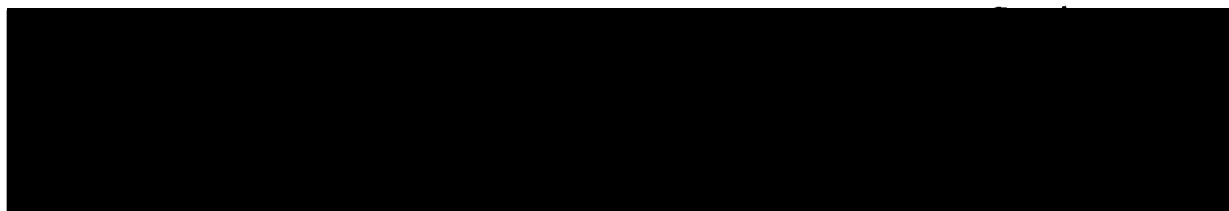
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Dr W McConnell
Dr A Telford
Dr D Stewart

In Attendance

Ms Alison Gowdy

1. Welcome



2. Apologies

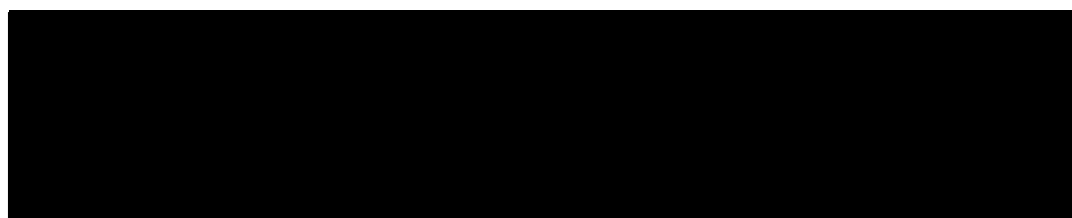


3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 September 2002



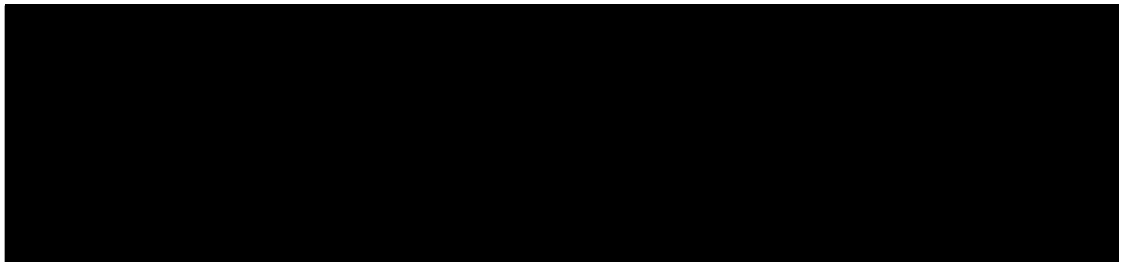
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• **Child Protection Issues**

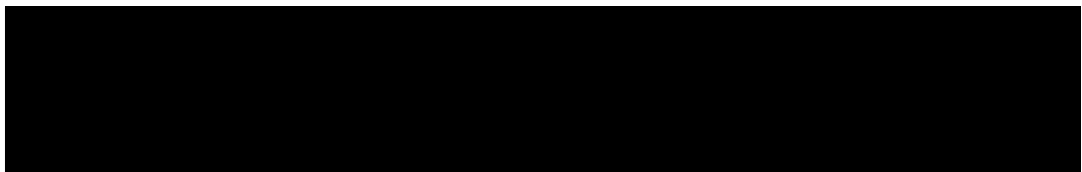




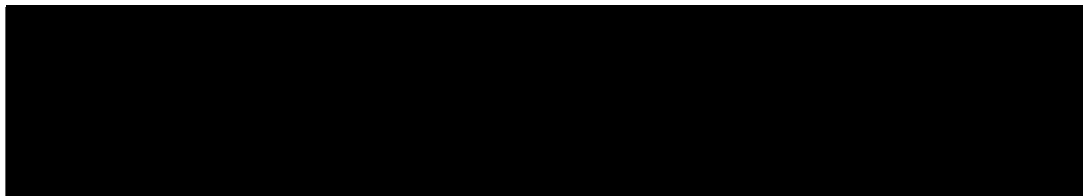
- **Reporting of Maternal Deaths**



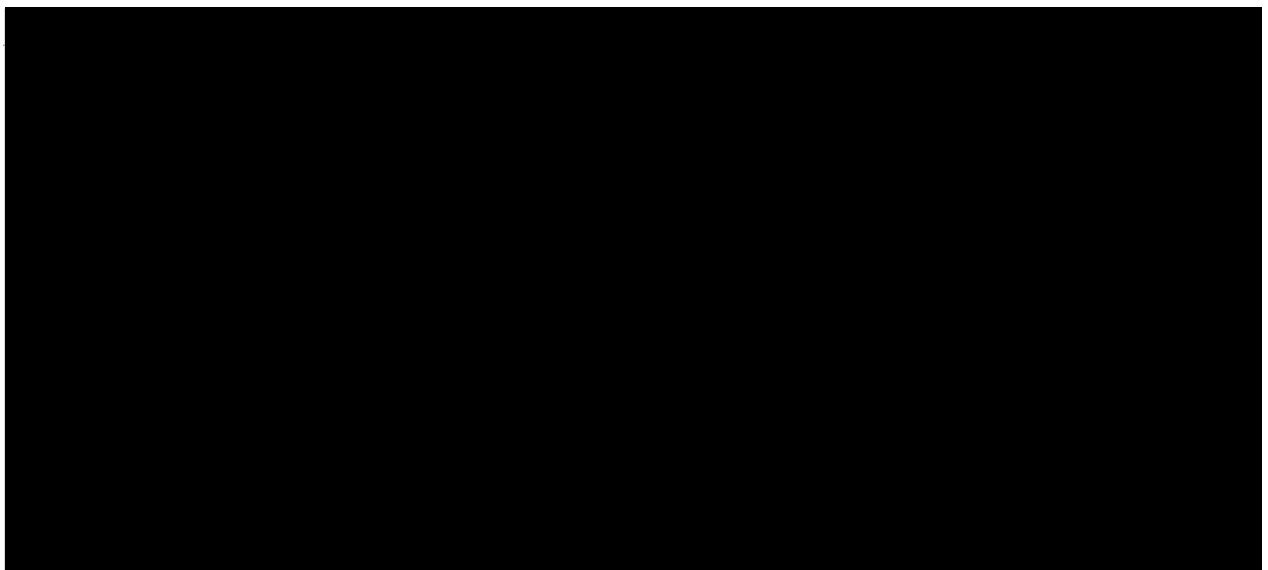
- **Breast Cancer Services**

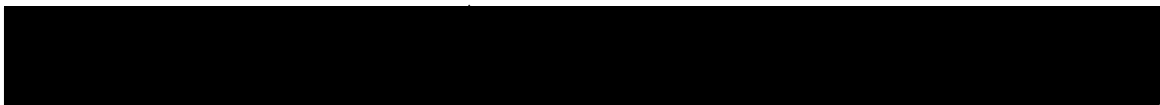


- **GP Appraisal**

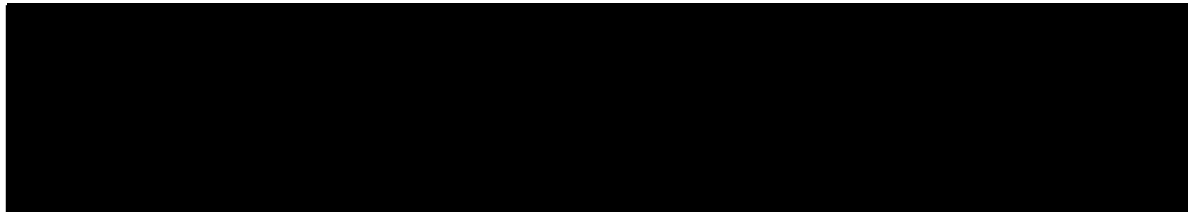


5. Cancer Waiting Times Targets

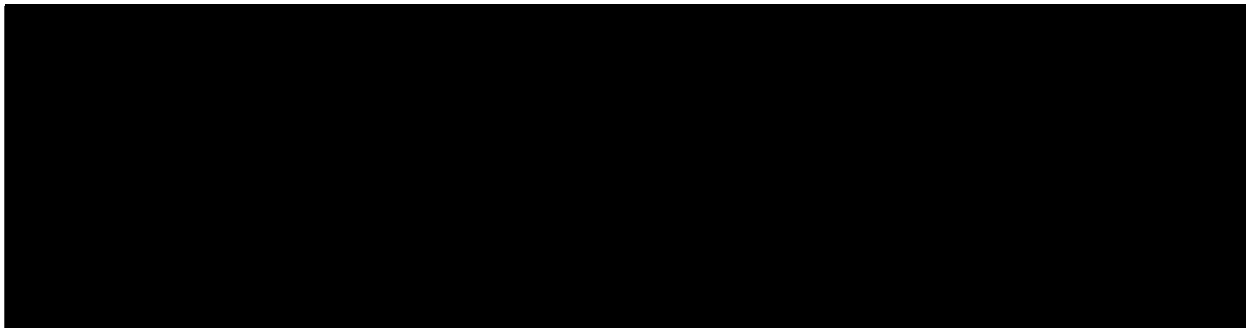




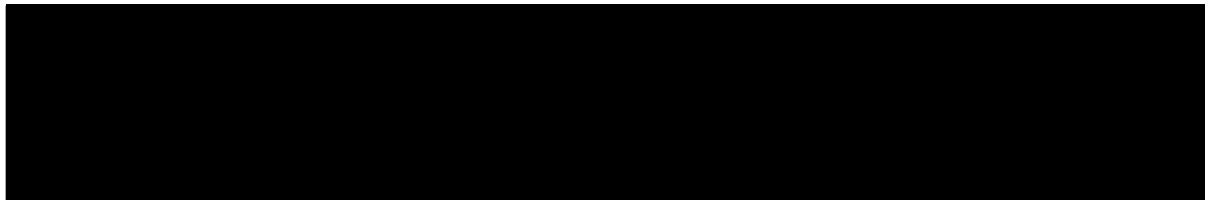
6. Screening Update



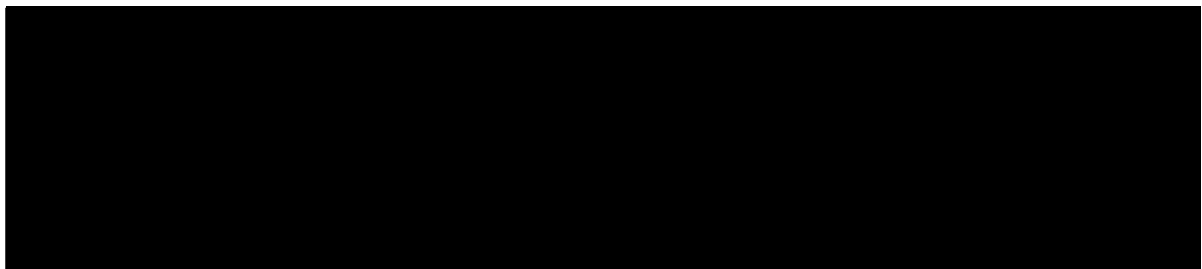
7. Lymphoedema Services



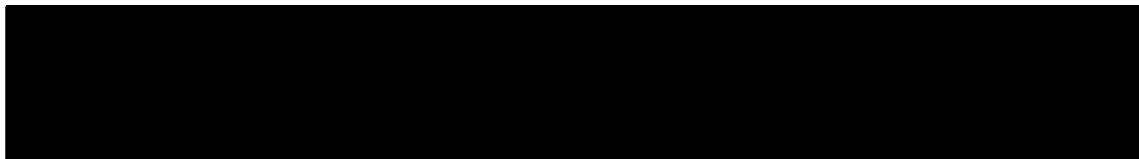
8. Services for Patients with Infection



9. Serious Communicable Diseases in Health Care Workers

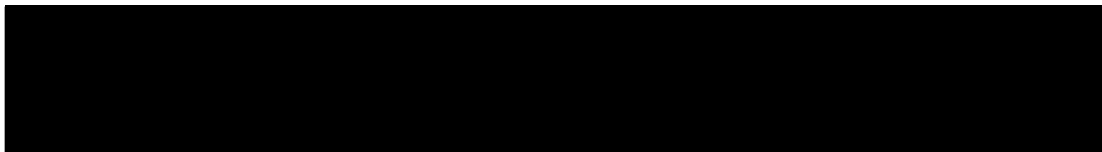


10. Exchange of Data

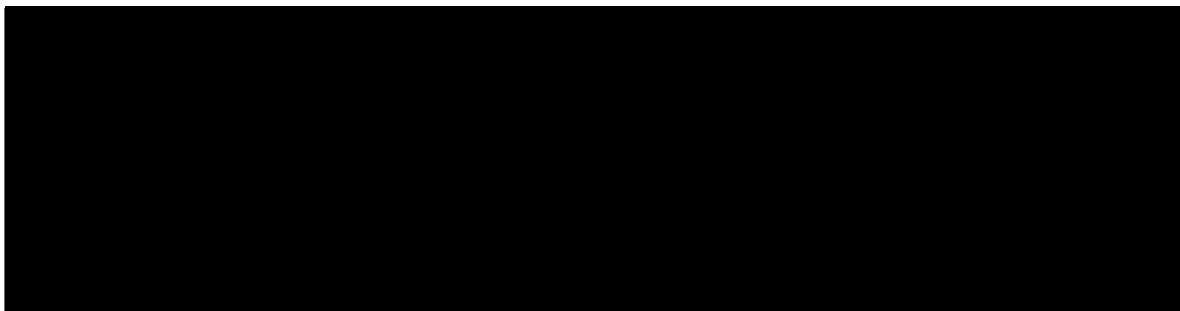


11. Small Area Health Statistic Unit Studies (SAHSU Studies)

- **Water Chlorination Study and Adverse Human Birth Outcome**



- **Landfill Study**

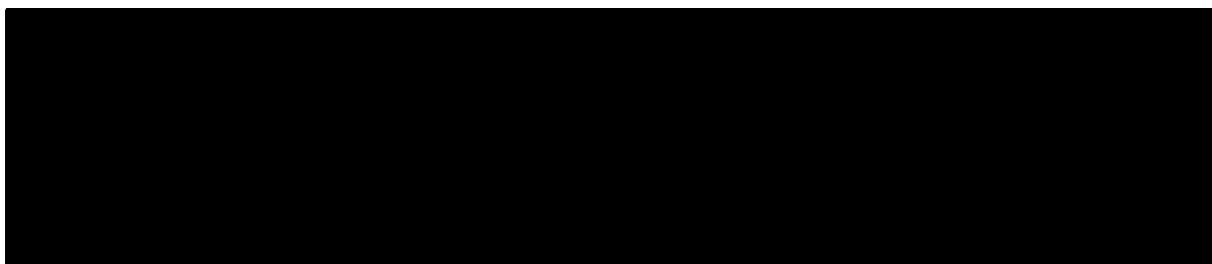


12. Review of NI Council

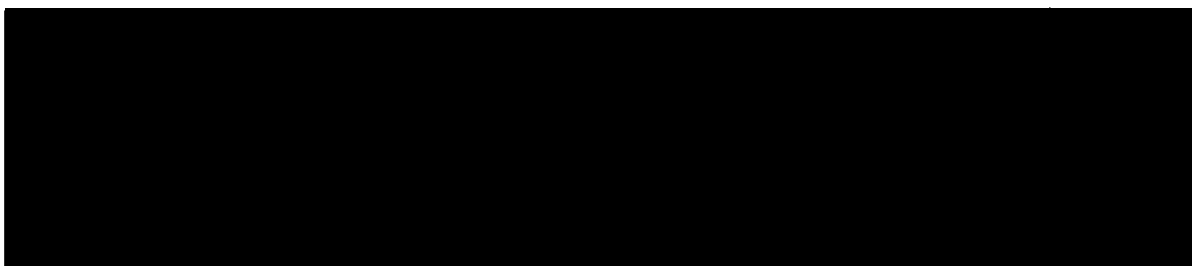
This review has recommended that NICPMDE become a special agency. The change in status and internal governance structure is aimed at ensuring accountability and effective working. There is considerable legislative work to achieve this and it could take up to one year. DPHs welcomed the report's findings in general and felt there were many recommendations that could be implemented irrespective of the change in status – notably the commissioner forum. They gave a guarded welcome to 100% funding for medical training posts, highlighting the impact of strategic service change on such resources.

There were issues relevant to the proposed reforms of SHO training. This will be discussed at the next DPH meeting.

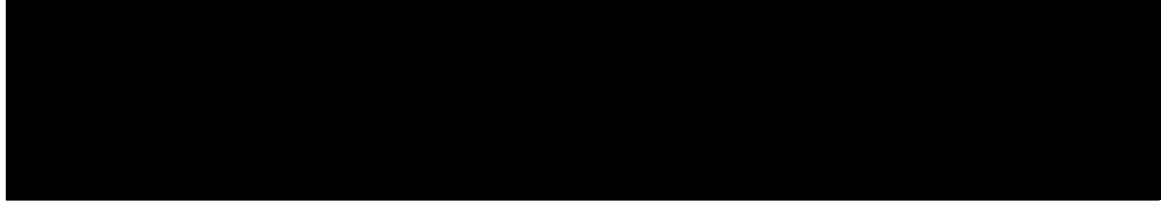
13. Review of Mental Health Legislation, Policy and Provision



14. Pre Hospital Cardiac Care



15. Update on Neurosurgery - Neurology Issues



16. Update on Regional Group on Special Drugs



17. Update on Best Practice – Best Care

Dr Carson updated members on the position on this document. He advised that with the suspension of the assembly, the way forward for the DHPSS Quality, Improvement and Regulation Bill was being considered.

Linkages are being formed with NICE and the NPSA.

The Department is planning a series of 5 workshops in January/February 2003 to bring forward the clinical and social care governance support team agenda. . The workshops will be based within geographical areas of HPSS Boards. Invitations to lead staff have been issued via HPSS Chief Executives.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

