


**MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH/DHSSPS
MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2003
10.00AM – 1.00PM
ROOM C5.15, CASTLE BUILDINGS, BELFAST**

AGENDA

PAPERS

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| 1. | Welcome/Introduction | |
| 2. | Apologies | |
| 3. | Minutes of the meeting 13th January 2003 | 15/03 |
| 4. | Matters Arising | |
| | • Reform of SHO Grade | 16/03 |
| | • Update on Review of Public Health Function | |
| | • Update on Smallpox Plan | |
| | • Update on SASHU | |
| 5. | Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control – Mr R Larmour,
Environmental Protection | 17 /03 |
| 6. | Screening Update – Dr Boyle | 18/03 |
| 7. | GP Practice Mortality – Dr Briscoe | 19/03 |
| 8. | Paediatric & Congenital Cardiac Services – Dr McCarthy | 20/03 |
| 9. | Blood Safety – Dr McCarthy | 21/03 |
| 10. | Update on Paediatric Pathology – Dr McCarthy | 22/03 |
| 11. | Appraisal for Public Health Doctors – Dr Carson | 23/03 |
| 12. | Review of Records Management – Dr Mock | 24/03 |
| 13. | Developing Better Services | |
| 14. | Any Other Business | |



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
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PRESENT

Department

Dr H Campbell
Dr I Carson
Dr E Mitchell
Dr M Mark
Mr N McMahon
Dr P Woods
Dr M Briscoe

DsPH / Representatives

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

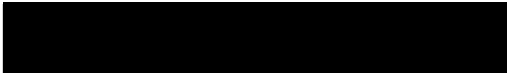
In Attendance

Mr D Bell
Mr R Larmour

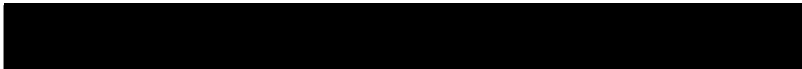
1. WELCOME



2. APOLOGIES

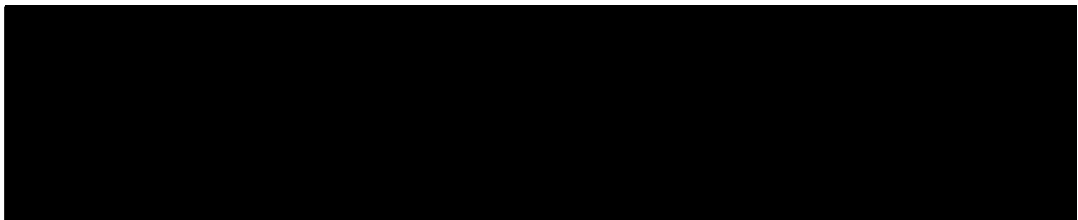


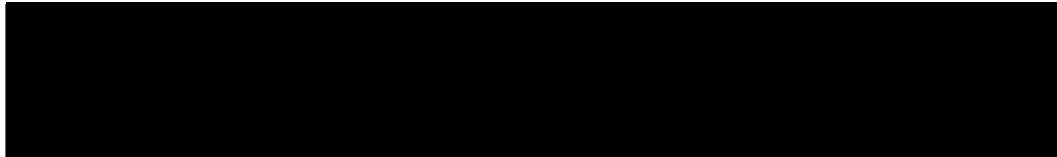
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13 JANUARY 2003 – PAPER 15/03



4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Reform of SHO Grade - Paper 16/03

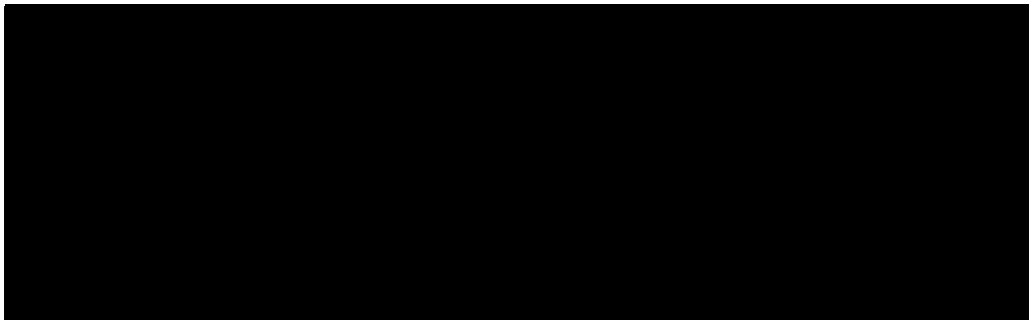




4.2 Update on Review of Public Health Function

The Terms of reference for the Review of Public Health Function are being considered. This review will be closely linked to the Review of Public Administration.

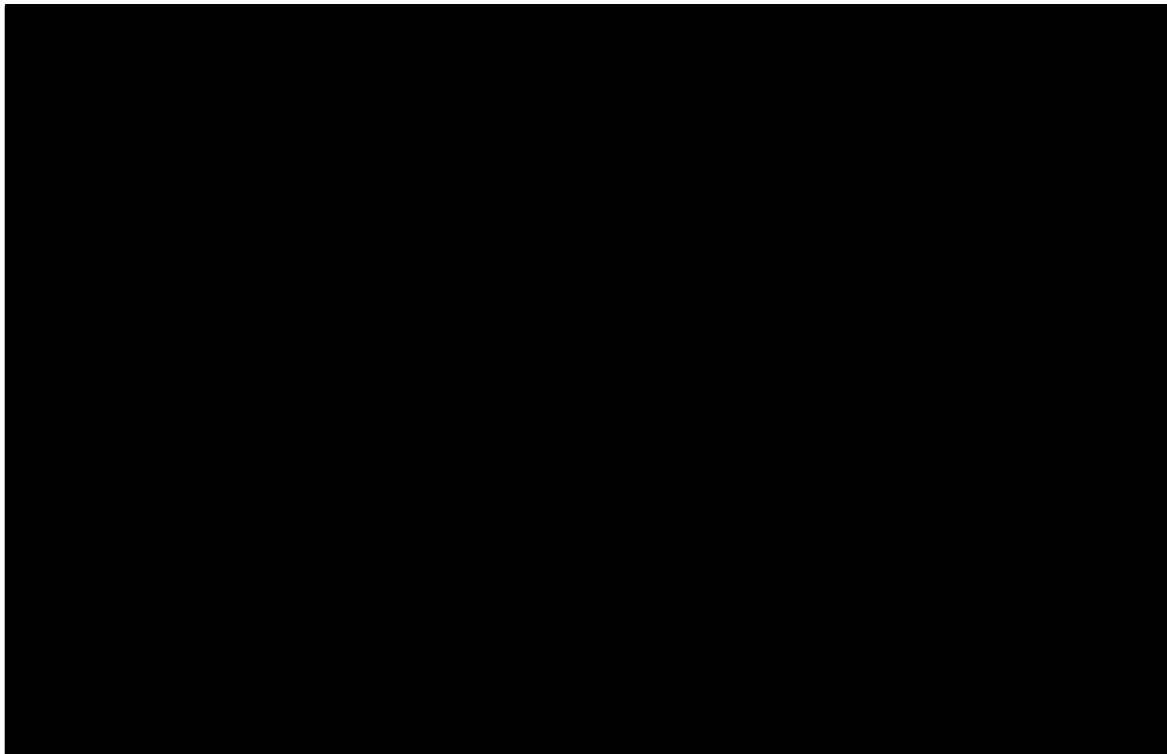
4.3 Update on Smallpox Plan



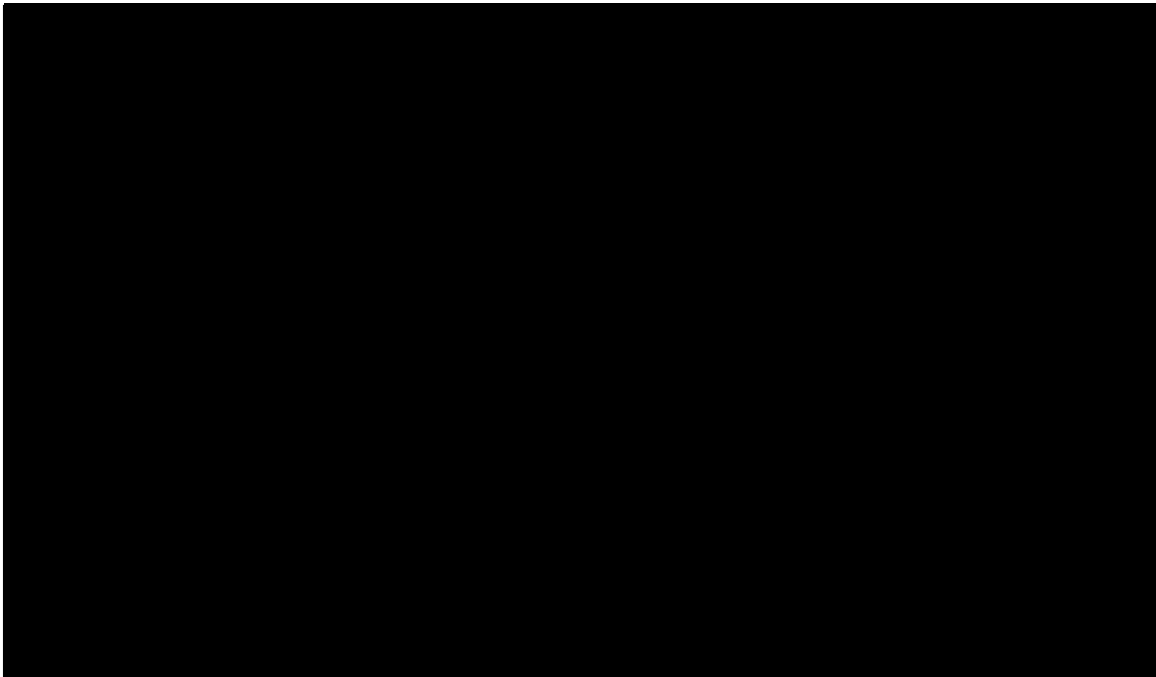
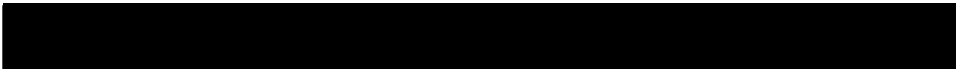
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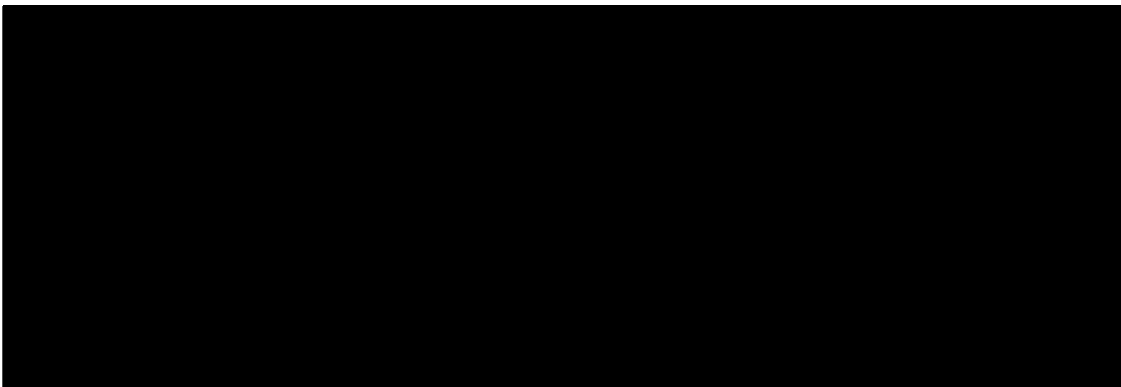
5. INTEGRATED POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL – REGULATIONS - PAPER 17/03



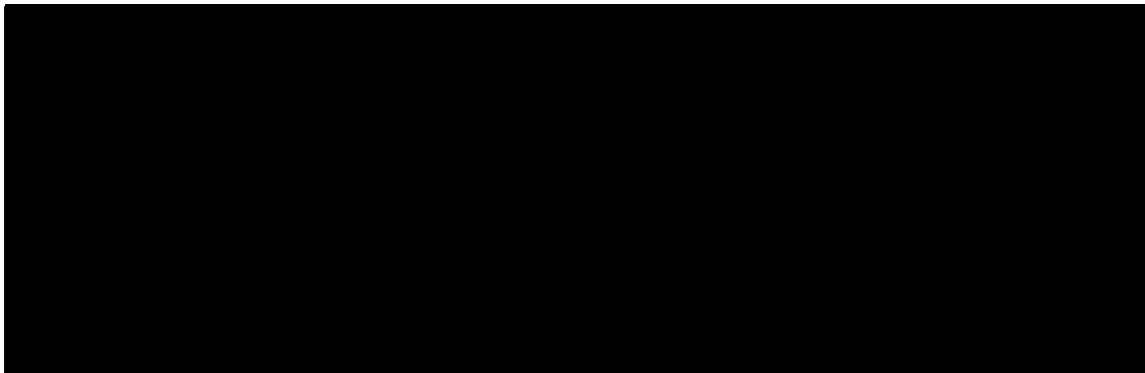
6. SCREENING UPDATE - PAPER 18/03



7. GP PRACTICE MORTALITY - PAPER 19/03



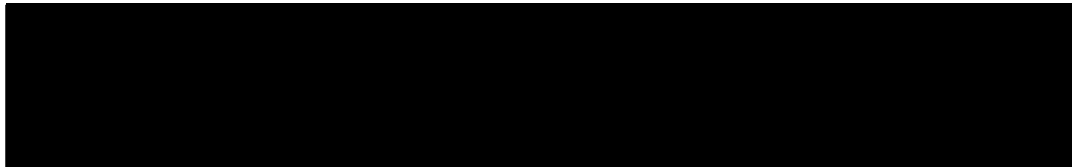
**8. PAEDIATRIC AND CONGENITAL CARDIAC SERVICES -
PAPER 20/03**



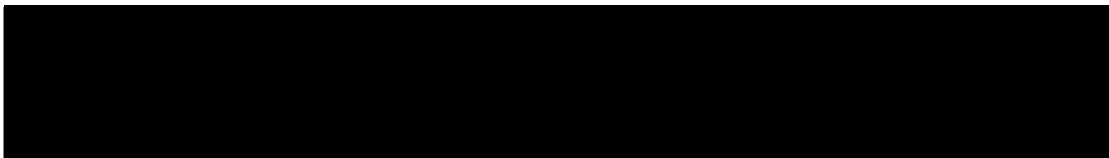
9. BLOOD SAFETY - PAPER 21/03



10. UPDATE ON PAEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY - PAPER 22/03



11. APPRAISAL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DOCTORS - PAPER 23/03



12. REVIEW OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - PAPER 24/03

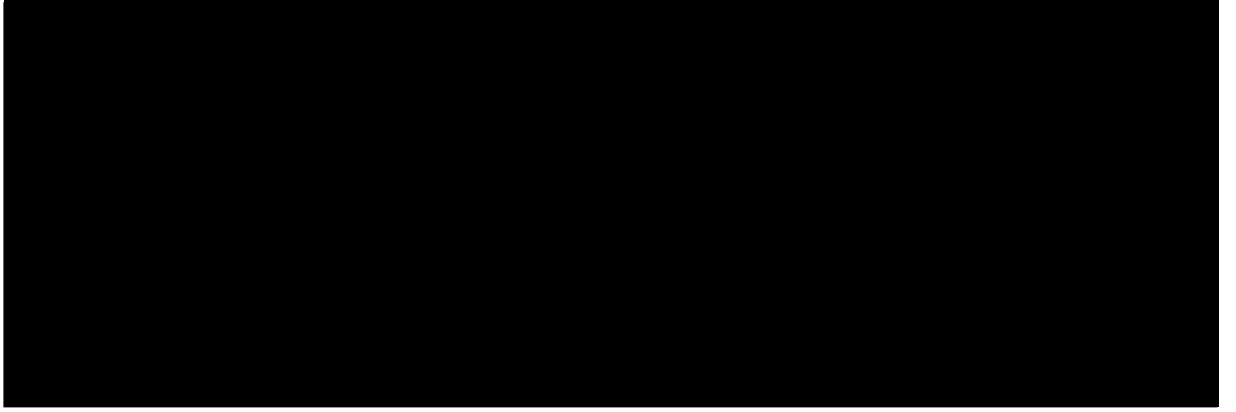
Dr Carson advised that following the NIO Report - Compensation Payments for Clinical Negligence, the Department is considering the actions required to take to assure the quality of medical records within the HPSS.

Several Trusts have taken forward a number of quality assurances initiatives. It has been decided a strategic approach is required as there is no uniformity within Trusts. Clinical Accountability Service Planning and Education (CASPE) research has developed an Accreditation and Development Records Programme (ADR) and this has been awarded to some Trusts, other Trusts have adopted the Controls Assurance and Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST) standards in relation to their records.

13. DEVELOPING BETTER SERVICES

This is an ongoing project which encompasses the modernisation of services. There are a number of initiatives which cross Trusts boundaries. Service improvement plans, chronic disease management and primary care all require to be taken into consideration. The Regional Strategy for Health and Well Being is to take a long term view (20 years) when considering recommendations on the way forward.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS



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