

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH/DHSSPS
MONDAY 2 JUNE 2003
10.00AM - 1.00PM
ROOM C5.15, CASTLE BUILDINGS**

PRESENT:

Department

Dr H Campbell

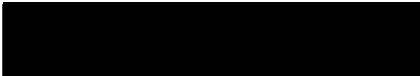
Dr I Carson

Dr L Doherty

Dr G Mock

Dr I McMaster

Dr C Willis



DsPH

Dr W McConnell

Dr D Stewart

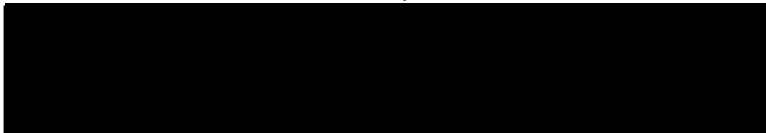
Dr A M Telford

Prof J Watson

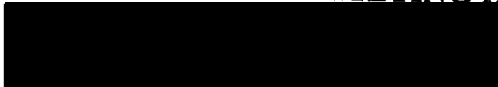
In Attendance

Dr D McMahon

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

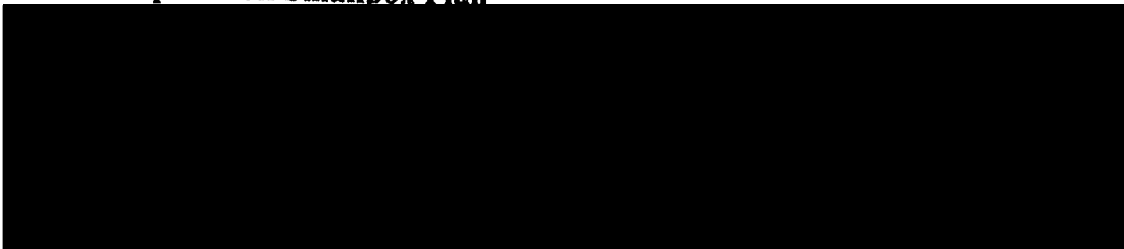


2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2003 - PAPER 25/03

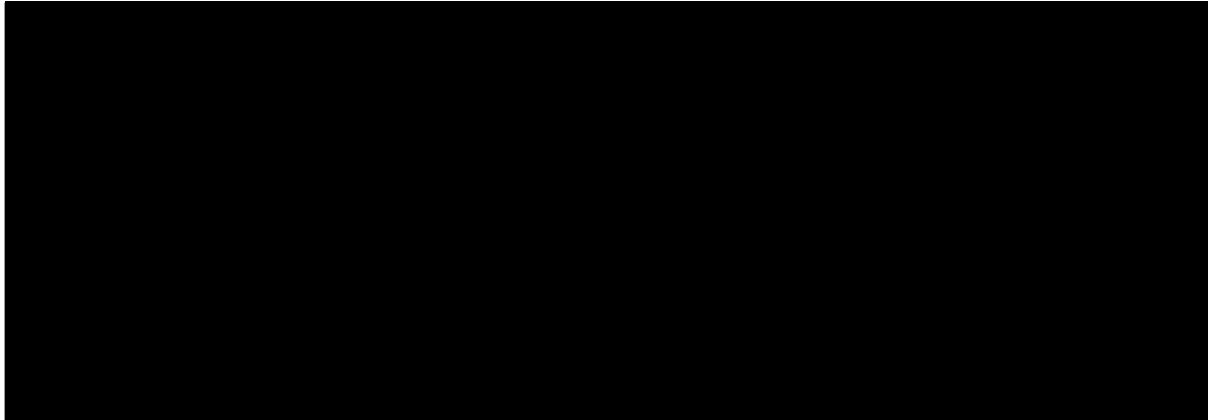


3. MATTERS ARISING

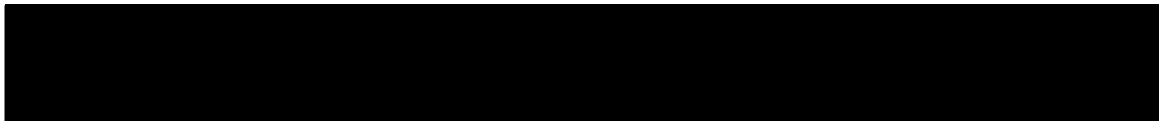
- **Update on Smallpox Plan**



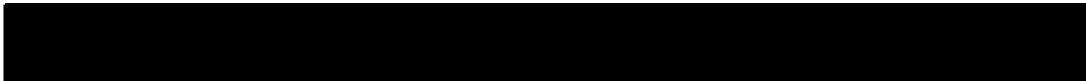
- **Update on Public Health Function**



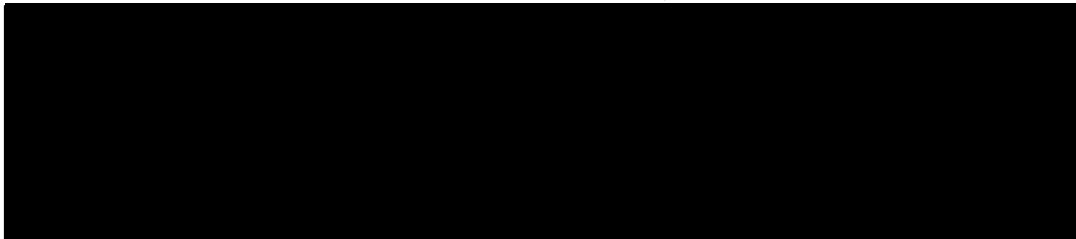
- **Child Protection Issues**



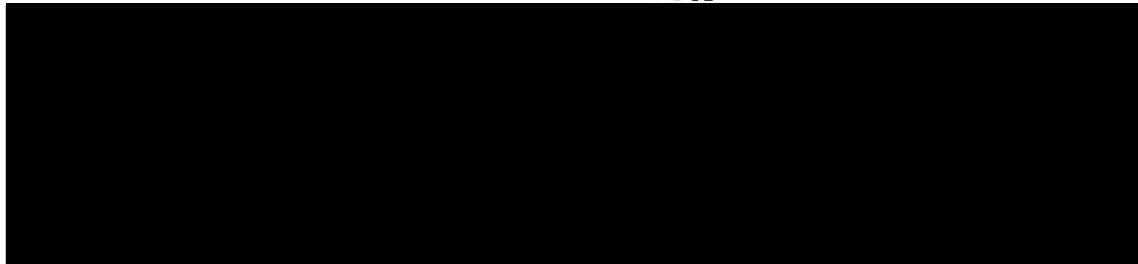
- **Nomination for a Community Health Representative for SAC
Paediatrics**



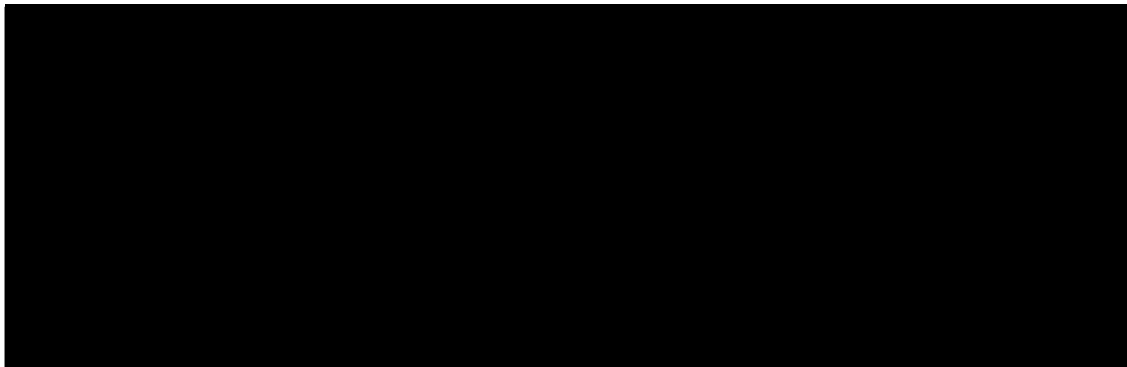
- **Paediatric/Congenital Cardiac Services**



- **Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control**



4. SARS



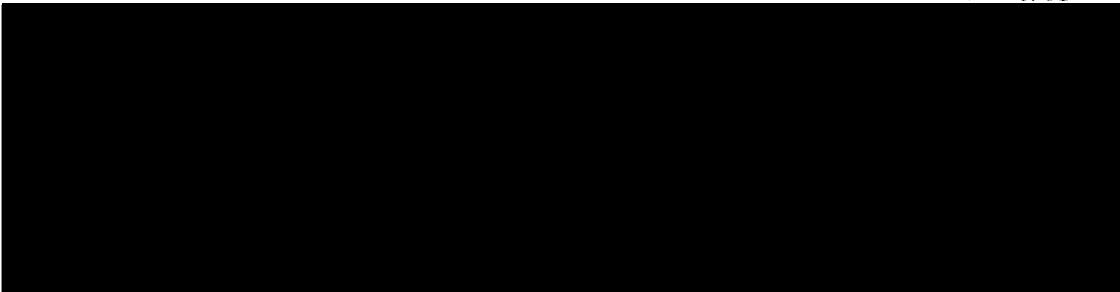
5. SCREENING UPDATE – PAPER 26/03



- **Working in Partnership with Action Cancer – PAPER 27/03**



- **Regional Screening Committee for Northern Ireland – PAPER 28/03**



6. QUALITY

6.1 UPDATE ON DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUPS

- **Records Management – PAPER 29/03**

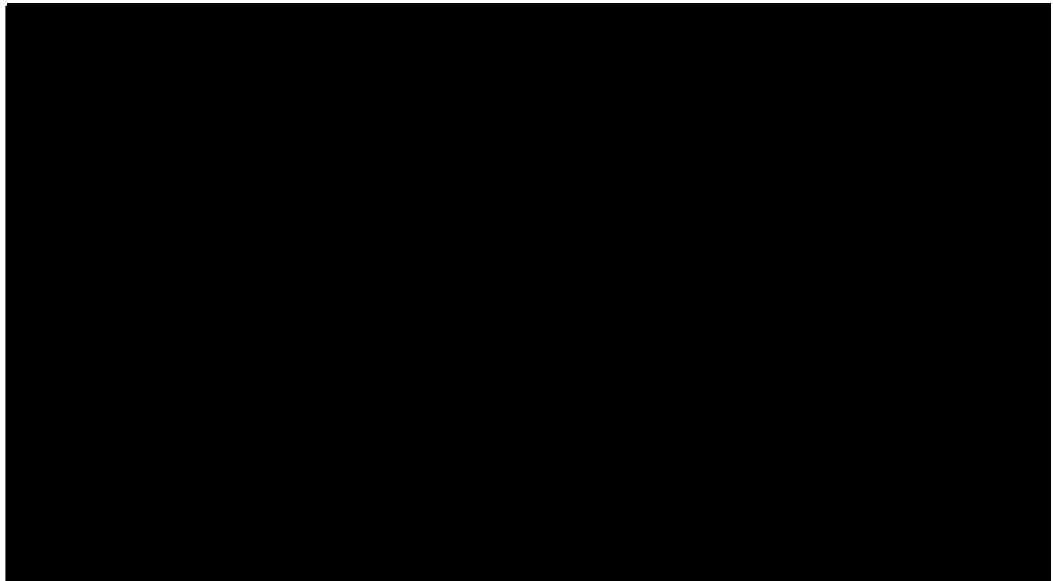
A Departmental Multidisciplinary Steering Group chaired by Dr I Carson has been established to look at the quality of medical records in the HPSS. It has been agreed by the Departmental Board that there should be development of a HPSS Policy Statement and development of a local version of “For the Record” document.

The Departmental Board also agreed to a baseline audit of Records Management within the HPSS.

- **Safety in Health and Social Care**

Dr Carson informed members of a request from NIAIC (Health Estates) to establish a local review group, which could form links with the National Patient Safety Agency. It was agreed that the Regional Risk Managers Forum would be asked for 2 nominations and also consideration of how to engage LHSCGs/ LMCs.

- **Human Organ's Enquiry – PAPER 30/03**



- **HPSS Litigation**

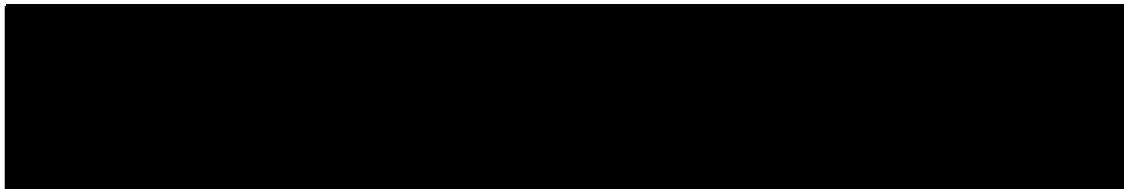
A Steering Group aims to produce a regional database of litigation reforms in relation to medical negligence.

Dr Carson agreed to send summary of progress to DsPH.

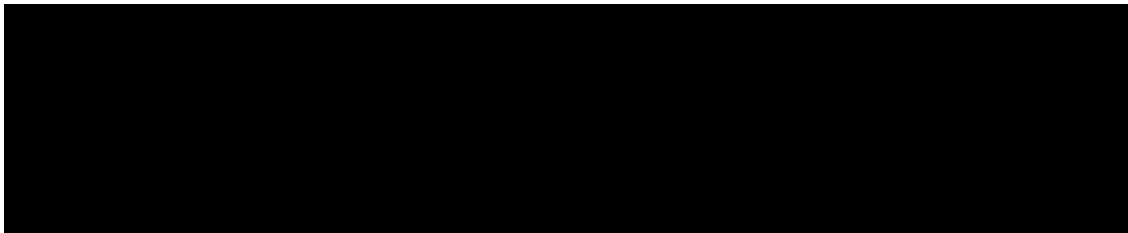
- **Standard Development Task Group – PAPER 31/03**

A team of 6 project officers has been set to define standards. Generic Clinical Standards have already been set by Scotland and may be useful for Northern Ireland.

7. NIPACS System – PAPER 33/03



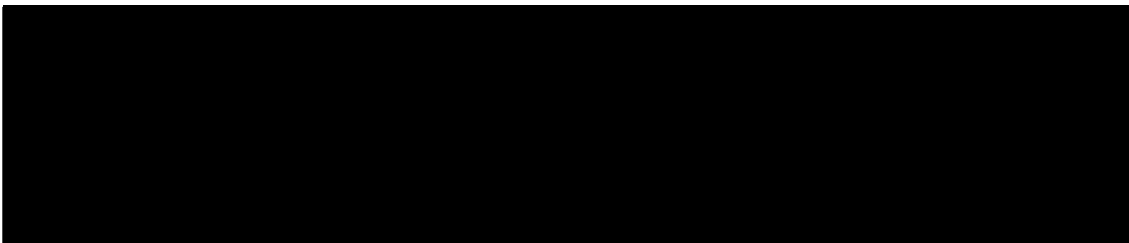
8. APPRAISAL/REVALIDATION FOR CONSULTANTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE



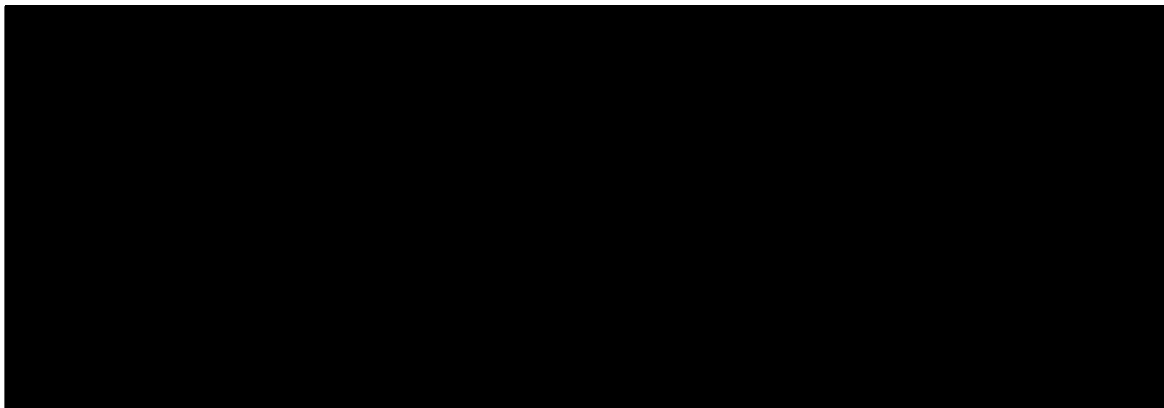
9. REGIONAL STRATEGY

Dr Denis McMahon updated members on the New Regional Health & Wellbeing Strategy. He highlighted the key elements and spoke briefly on the work that has been done to date and the plans for the future.

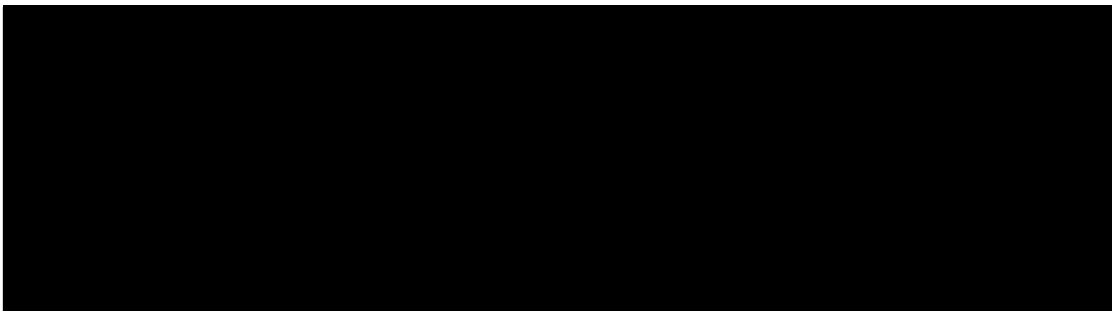
10. CONFIDENTIAL ENQUIRY INTO MATERNAL DEATHS



**11. CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON FERTILITY SERVICES – PAPER
34/03**



12. DERMATOLOGY SERVICES – PAPER 35/03



13. REVIEW OF PATHOLOGY SERVICE – PAPER 36/03



14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Perinatal Information**

