

**MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH/CMO
 MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2004
 10:00AM – 1:00PM
 ROOM C5.15, CASTLE BUILDINGS, BELFAST**

AGENDA

PAPERS

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| 1. | Welcome/Apologies | |
| 2. | Minutes of the meeting held 6 September 2004 | 53/04 |
| 3. | Matters Arising | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection Issues – Dr McConnell verbal update • Chronic Pain Services – Dr Boyle (away in London) • Letter from Fire Service – Dr McConnell • Update on Investigation of Serious Incidents – Dr Carson • Audit System Programme • Revalidation - Current Update <li style="padding-left: 40px;">- Sir Graham Catto Letter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 54/04 55/05 56/04 57/04 58/04 59/04 |
| 4. | Screening Update – Dr Boyle [REDACTED] | 60/04 |
| 5. | Health Protection Issues | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pandemic Flu update – Dr Doherty [REDACTED] • Infection Control Strategy – Dr Doherty [REDACTED] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 61/04 62/04 |
| 6. | Organisational Reform | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Public Health Function Update – Dr Chada • Developing Better Services – Peter Deazley verbal @ 11am • Review of Public Administration – Alan Urquhart | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 63/04 64/04 65/04 |
| 7. | A Major Incident Web Based System – Dr Mitchell | 66/04 |
| 8. | Resources | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget discussion • Priorities for Action discussion | |
| 9. | Any other business | |

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PRESENT

DsPH
Dr W McConnell
Dr D Stewart
Dr A Telford
Prof J Watson

DEPARTMENT

Dr H Campbell (Chairman)
Mr P Deazley
Dr H Neagle

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

[REDACTED]

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 6 SEPTEMBER 2004

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3. MATTERS ARISING

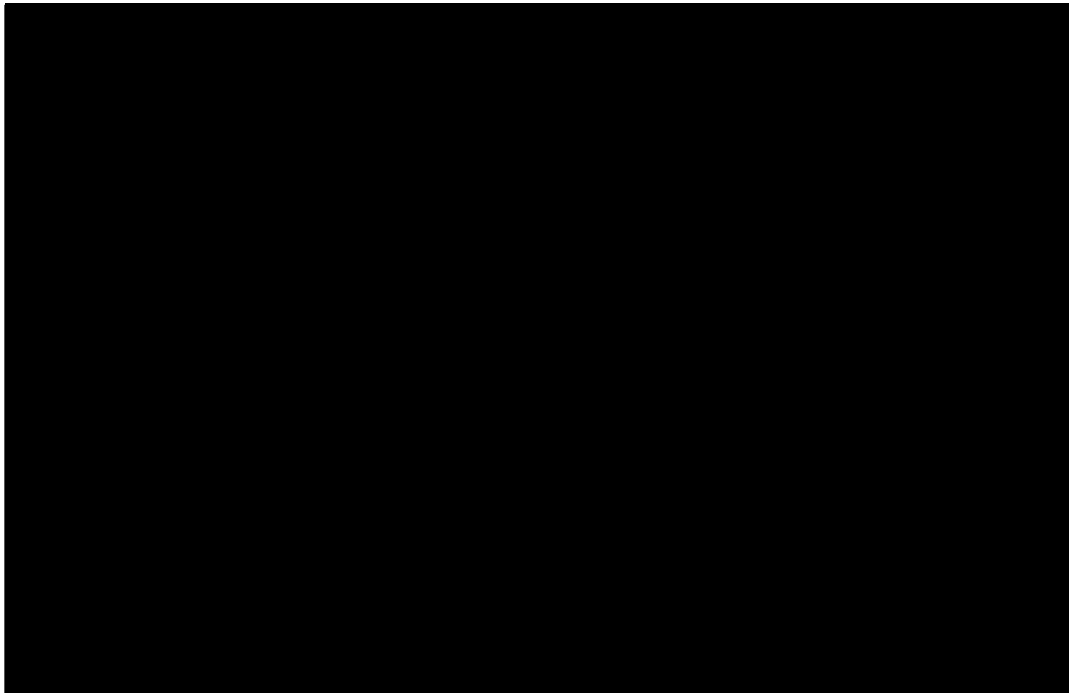
• **Child Protection Issues**

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• **Chronic Pain Services**

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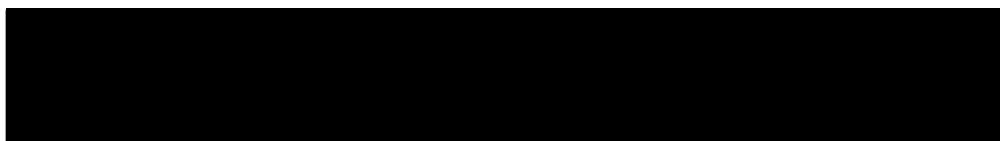
- **Letter from Fire Service**



- **Update on Investigation of Serious Incidents**

The first meeting of representatives from the DHSSPS, PSNI, HSE and the Coroner's Service was held on Friday 29 October 2004 where it was agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding would be very useful. It was reported that the co-ordination of investigations and communications should be at a high level and that it should move to that level as early as possible after an incident. The Guidance will be based on the English work already undertaken and a consultation is expected in January 2005.

- **Audit System Programme**



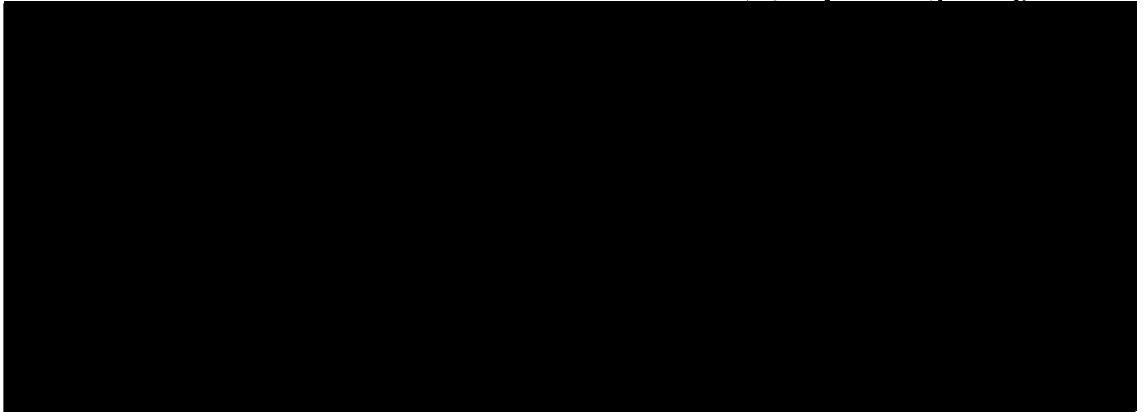
- **Revalidation**

The GMC has arranged a meeting for all doctors on 9 November 2004 at the Hilton Templepatrick on Revalidation. Members were informed that the Department had concerns regarding proper clinical governance measures in Trusts and Primary Care. There is now more emphasis on the employer and the burden of revalidation is now on the HPSS. It was noted that employers and organisations are not all aware of responsibilities being shifted onto them and concerns were raised

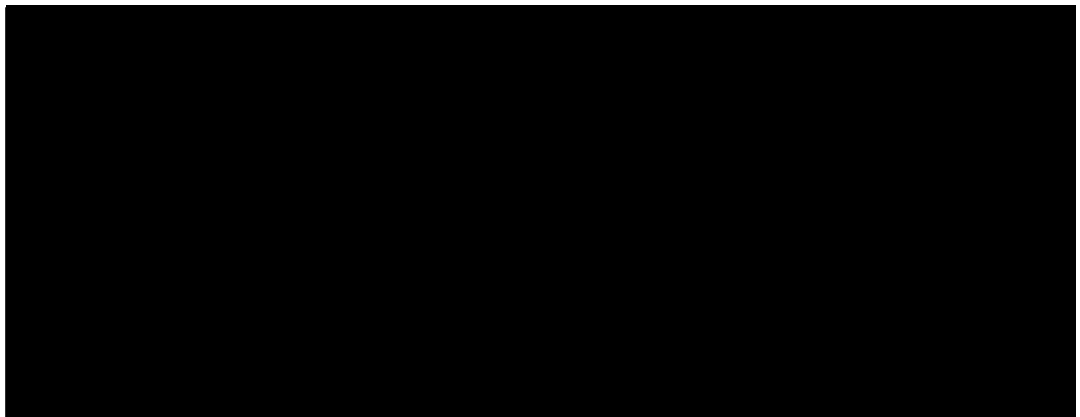
regarding the process of revalidation and the readiness for it across the province.

4. SCREENING UPDATE

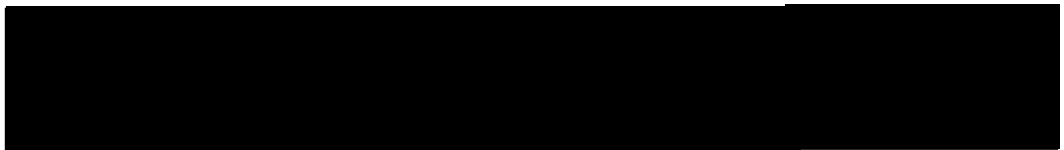
- **Downs Syndrome**



- **Bowel Cancer**

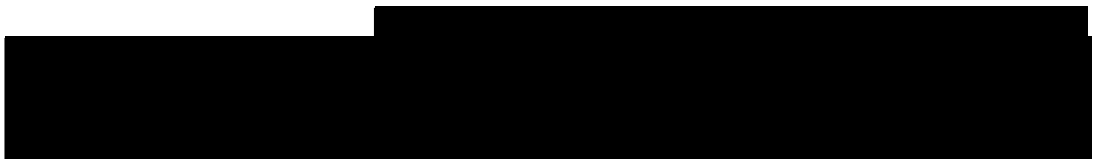


- **Aortic Aneurysm**

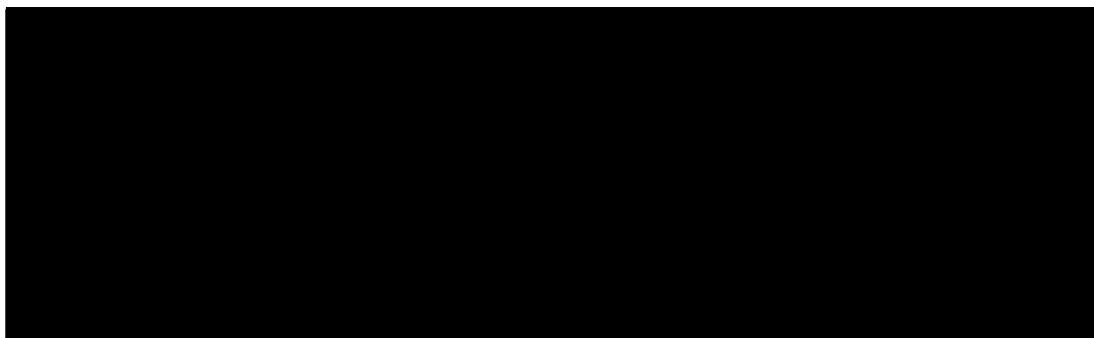


5. HEALTH PROTECTION ISSUES

- **Pandemic Flu**



- **Infection Control Strategy**



6. ORGANISATIONAL REFORM

- **Review of Public Health Function Update**

Review findings have been agreed by the DHSSPS Board, although issues over resources were noted. Confidential Enquiry into Maternal and Child Health (CEMACH), NICORR and Peri-natal project to join together to keep experience and skills which are to be built into the Health Promotion Agency. HPA to join other surveillance groups and become a new agency, name currently unknown. This new agency likely to include emergency planning, EMART and the Ambulance Service. There was a discussion over the future role of public health and whether the traditional model applied or a new modern view.

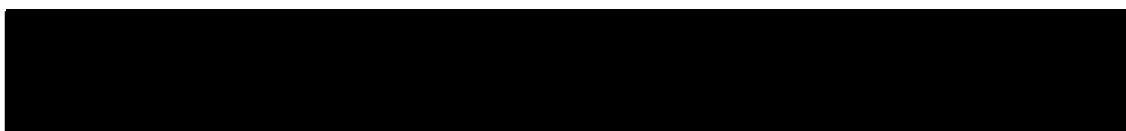
- **Developing Better Services**

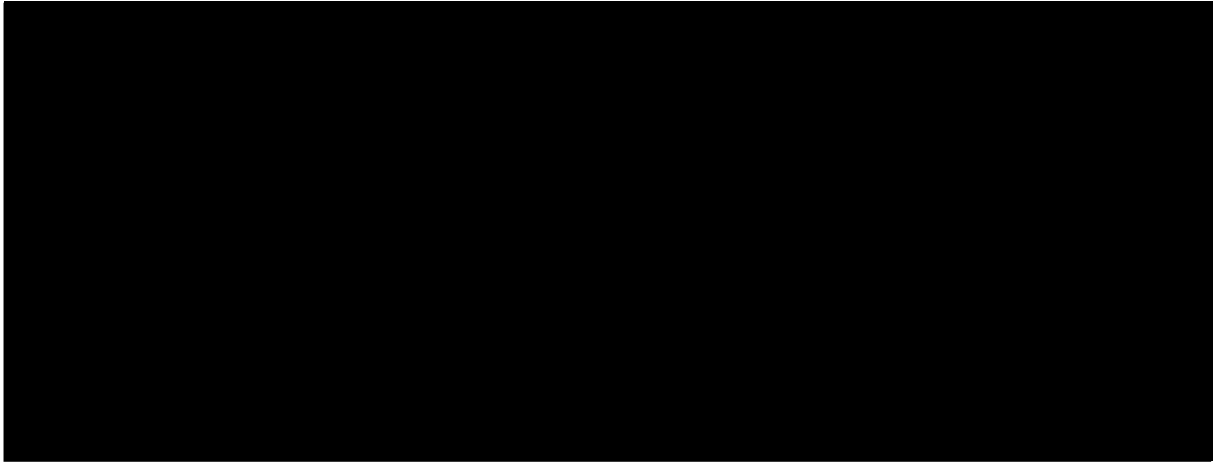
Mr Deazley reported that the amount of capital and how it should be distributed fairly across the regions should be agreed by Christmas. A public document, being prepared with the help of the Boards, is to be launched shortly to update the public on DBS' current status. Members recommended that the process be accelerated and the timescale shortened in accordance with the Minister's wishes for faster movement. Mr Deazley emphasised that services are to be improved first and that DBS is not only about new buildings.

- **Review of Public Administration**

Initial Consultation period has ended and an announcement of the Review's Recommendations is expected in December 2004.

7. A MAJOR INCIDENT WEB BASED SYSTEM





8. RESOURCES

- **Budget**



- **Priorities for Action**



9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

