

**MEETING OF THE SPECIALTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ANAESTHETICS
TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2003
2.15PM - 5.00PM
ROOM C3.18, CASTLE BUILDINGS**

AGENDA	PAPERS
1. Welcome/Apologies	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	1/03
3. Matters Arising	
3.1 Consent to examination or treatment	2/03
4. Chronic Pain Management- Presentation Dr J O'Hanlon	3/03
5. Paediatric Surgery Workshop (<i>Paper to follow</i>)	4/03
6. Medical Staffing and Development	
6.1 Consultant Medical Staffing	5/03
6.2 Modernising Medical Careers (<i>Filed at back</i>)	6/03
7. Update on the Quality Agenda	7/03
8. Community Midwifery Units (<i>Filed at back</i>)	8/03
9. SARS	9/03
10. Review of Trauma	10/03
11. Review of Renal Services	
12. Any Other Business	
 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION	
• HPSS Protecting Personal Information	11/03
• Regional Strategy for Health and Wellbeing	12/03
• Review of Pathology	13/03

- **Membership of SAC Anaesthetics** 14//03
- **Audit of Special Advisory Committee** 15/03

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PRESENT

Dr P Elliott
Dr C Mc Loughlin
Prof R Mirakhur
Dr I Orr
Dr Prasal
Dr C McAllister
Dr P McSorley
Dr C Stanley
Dr J Trinder
Dr C Watters
Dr D McAuley

DEPARTMENT

Dr H Campbell (Chairman)
Dr I Carson
Dr M Boyle
Dr P Woods

DsPH Representation

Dr C Hamilton
Dr D Corrigan
Dr D Stewart
Dr C Harper

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr J Hanlon
Mr D Sullivan

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

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2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

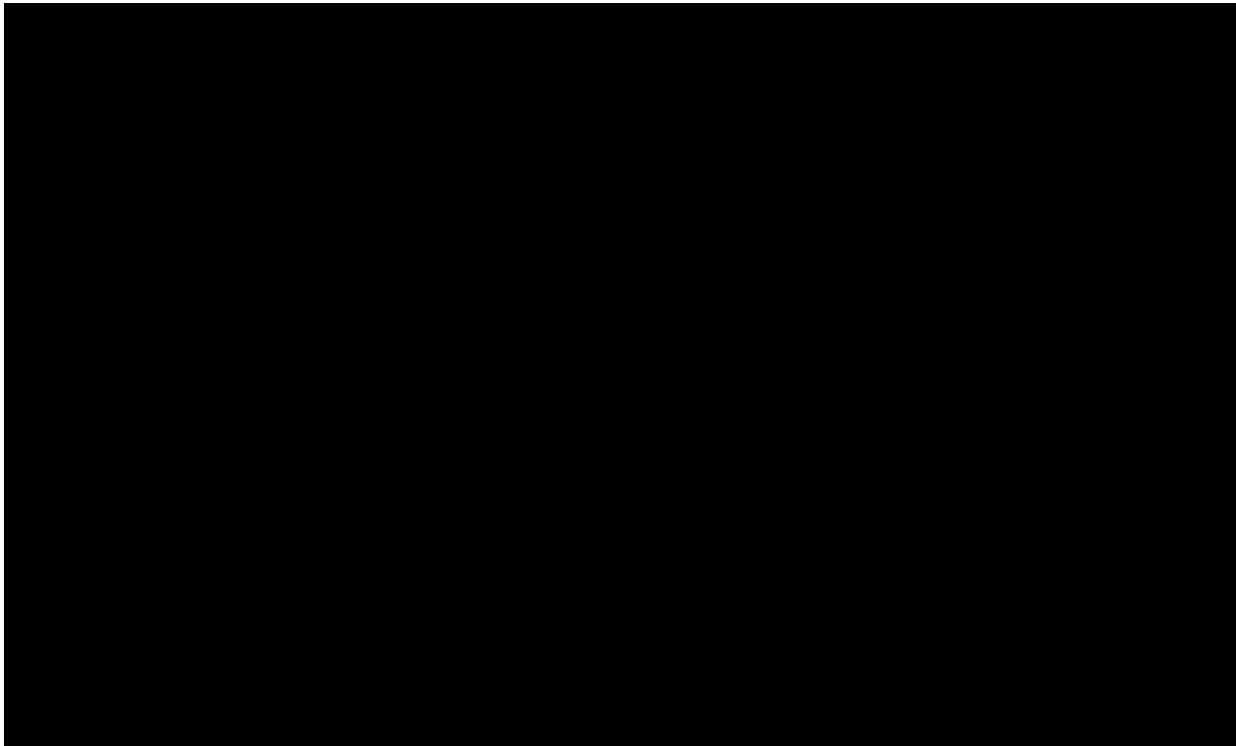
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3. MATTERS ARISING

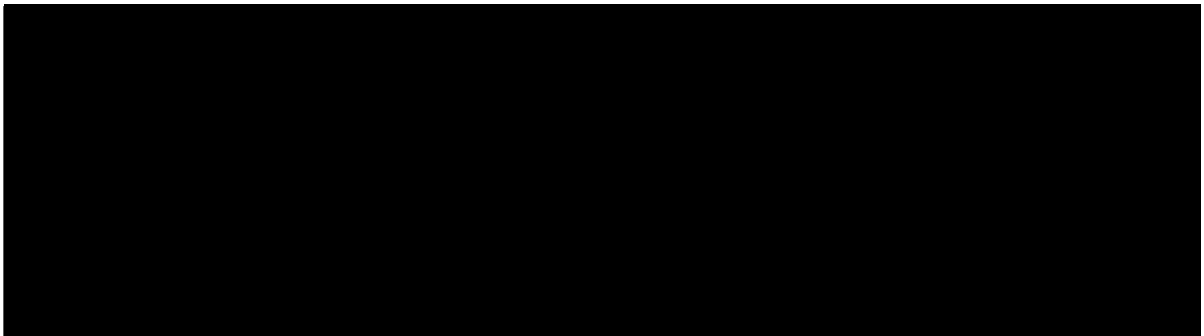
3.1 Consent to examination or treatment.
Members were asked to note this paper.

4. CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT:- DR J O'HANLON

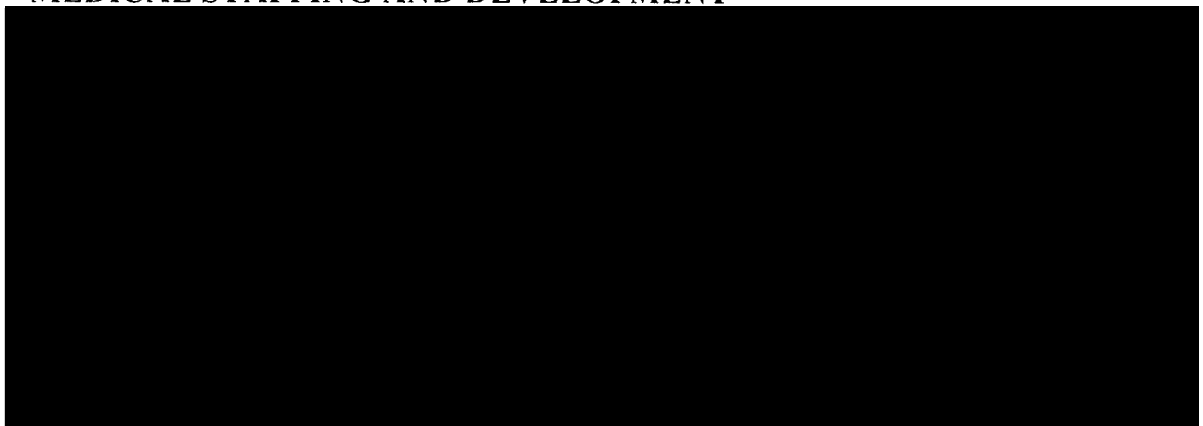
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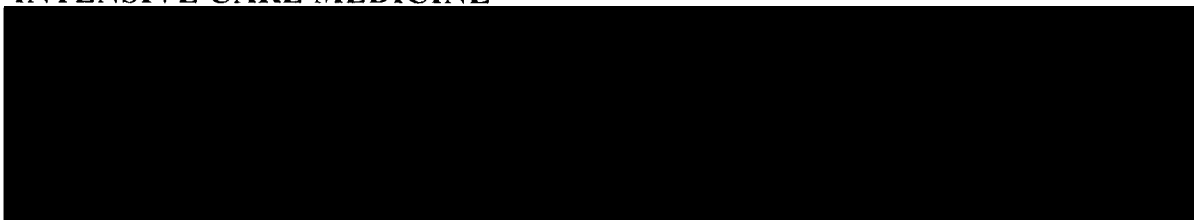
5. PAEDIATRIC SURGERY WORKSHOP



6. MEDICAL STAFFING AND DEVELOPMENT



INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE





MODERNISING MEDICAL CAREERS – CHOICE AND OPPORTUNITY

- **Modernising Medical Careers for the Non-Consultant Career Grade**

Introducing this item, Dr Woods updated members on progress on *Modernising Medical Careers*. He reminded members that the Policy Statement by the 4 UK Health Departments following consultation on *Unfinished Business* had set out the general policy direction. In general the proposals in *Unfinished Business* were supported. There was widespread consensus on the introduction of foundation programmes and this was likely to be the first element of the reforms. The commitment within the Policy Statement to examine non-consultant career grades had resulted in the publication of the Consultation Document '*Choice and Opportunity*' in July 2003. In general, it applied the principles of reform to non-consultant career grades with a view to better integration with the recognised training streams, and aimed to remove the stigmatisation associated with the grade. Competency based assessment in line with those envisaged for training programmes would allow for greater flexibility.

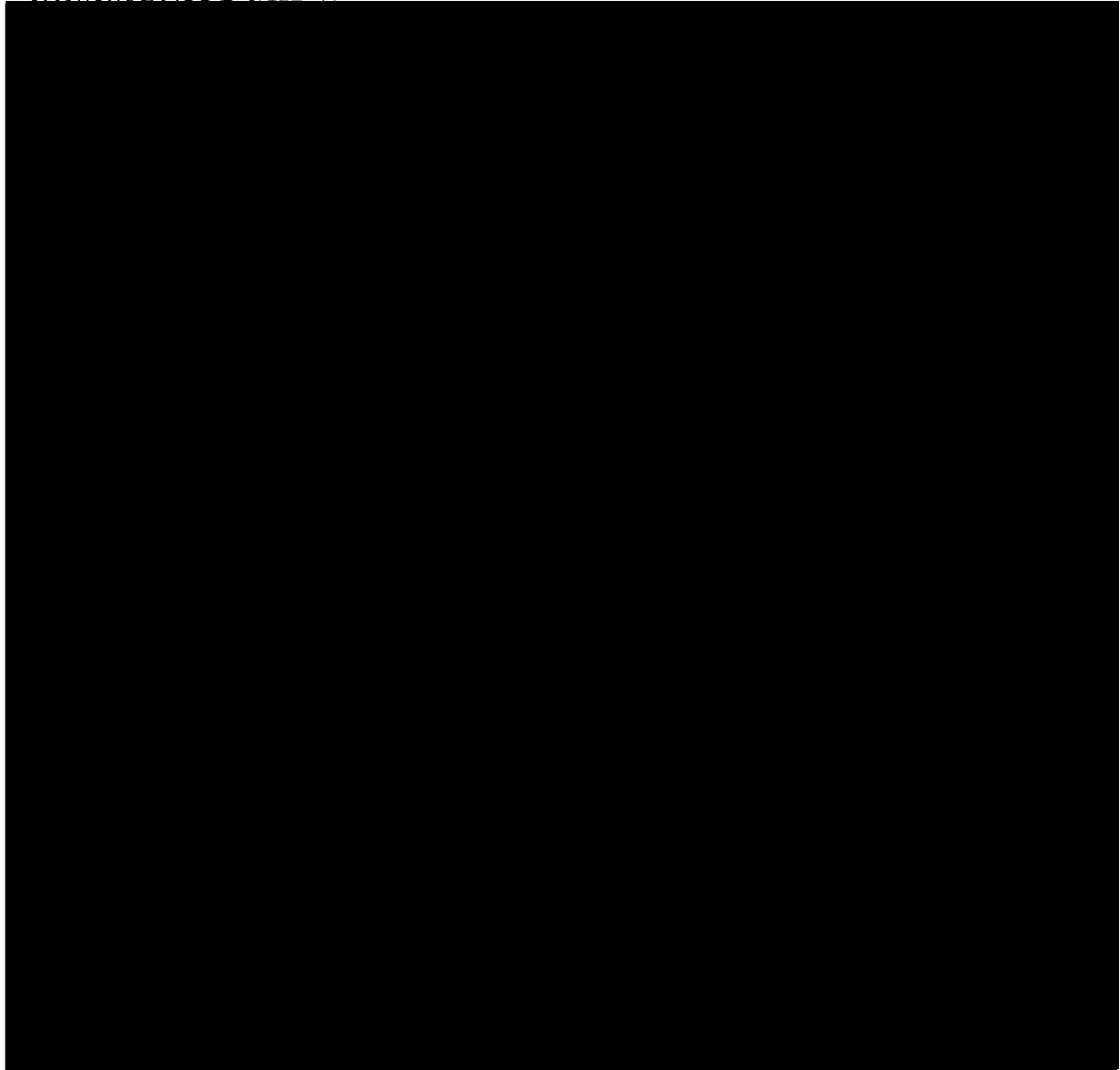
Members were generally supportive of the thrust of the document.

7. UPDATE ON THE QUALITY AGENDA

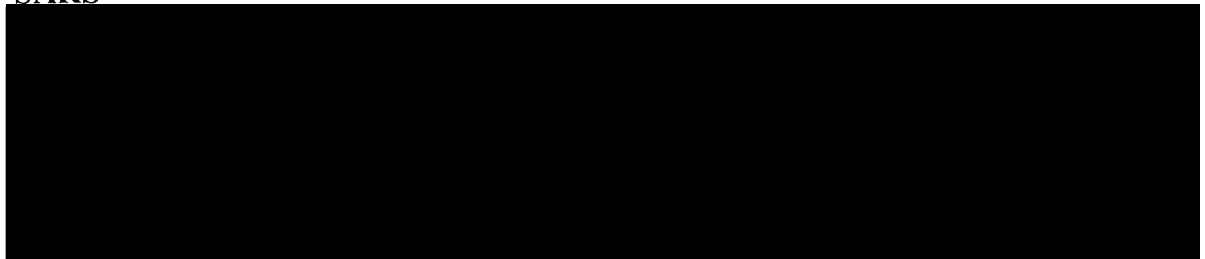
Members were asked to note the summary paper (7/03), which provides an update on implementation of Best Practice, Best Care. It recognises that the Quality Agenda is of high priority to all doctors and hospitals. Policy development and implementation of the Best Practice, Best Care is being led by a departmental Steering Group. Significant resources have been identified and it is hoped that Trusts will submit bids to facilitate implementation at local

level. The first Commencement Order – The Duty of Quality, came into effect on 25 April 2003.

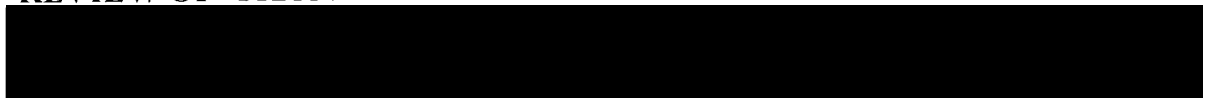
8. COMMUNITY MIDWIFERY UNITS



9. SARS



10. REVIEW OF TRAUMA





11. REVIEW OF RENAL SERVICES



12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **HPSS relationship with NICE**

Dr Campbell advised members that the National Confidential Enquiries fall under the remit of NICE. Although the remit of NICE, does not extend to Northern Ireland the DHSSPS is fully committed in financial terms and in a quality sense to participation in all of the National Confidential Enquiries.

