

**MEETING OF THE SPECIALIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GENERAL SURGERY**

**TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2006
1415 - 1700
C3.18, CASTLE BUILDINGS, STORMONT**

PRESENT

Mr J G Brown
Prof C Campbell
Mr J Campbell
Mr B Craig
Mr Alaister Dick
Mr D Gilroy
Mr C Hagan
Mr R Hannon
Mr G Marshall
Mr J McClelland
Mr J Moorehead
Mr A R Wray

DEPARTMENT

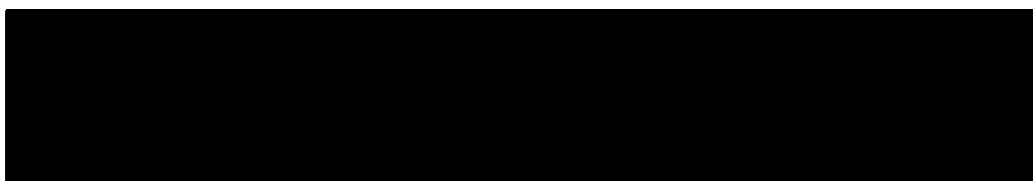
Dr I Carson (Chairman)
Dr M Boyle (Item 3)
Dr M McCarthy (Items 3 & 9)
Dr P Woods (Items 4, 13 & 14)



DPH

Dr Corrigan
Dr Harper
Dr Little

1. WELCOME / APOLOGIES

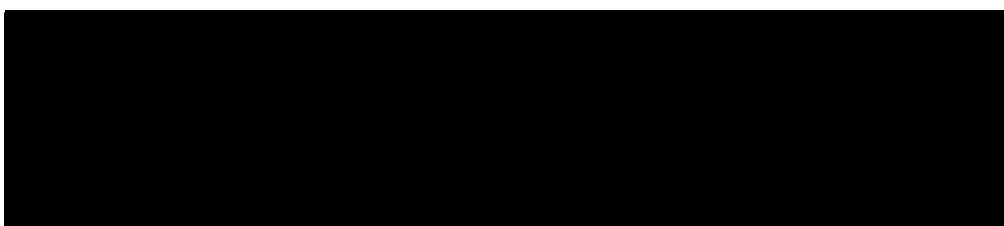


2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14 DECEMBER 2004

Members agreed the minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Screening



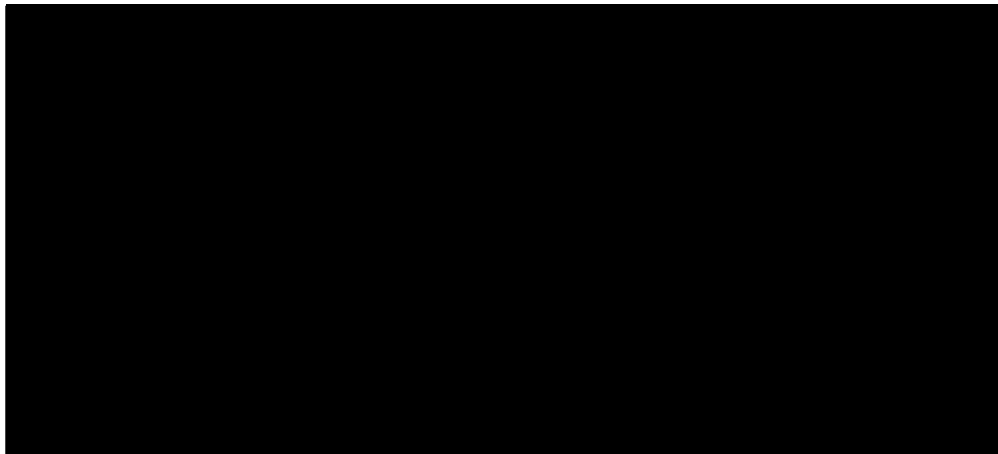
- **General Surgery of Childhood at a DGH**



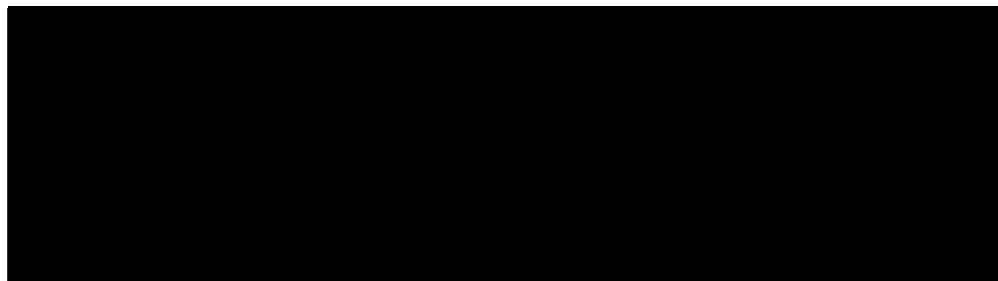
4. MEDICAL STAFFING AND DEVELOPMENT

- **Consultant Medical Staffing**

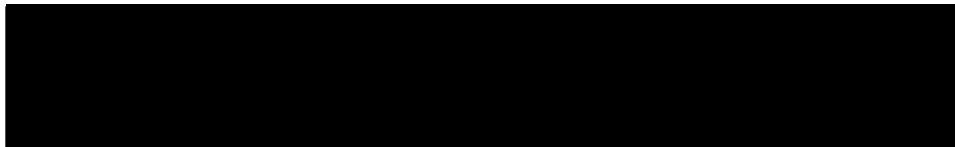
General Surgery



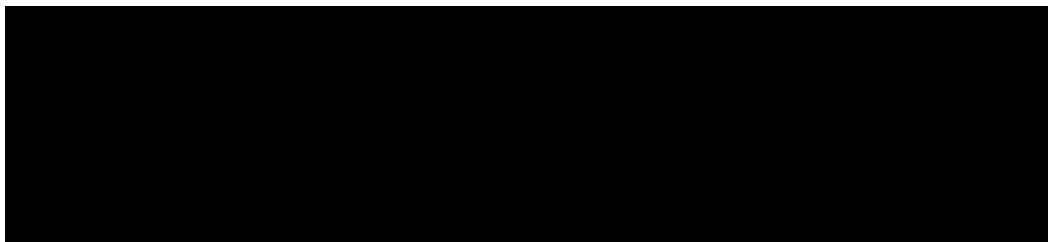
Urology



Plastic Surgery



Cardiothoracic Surgery



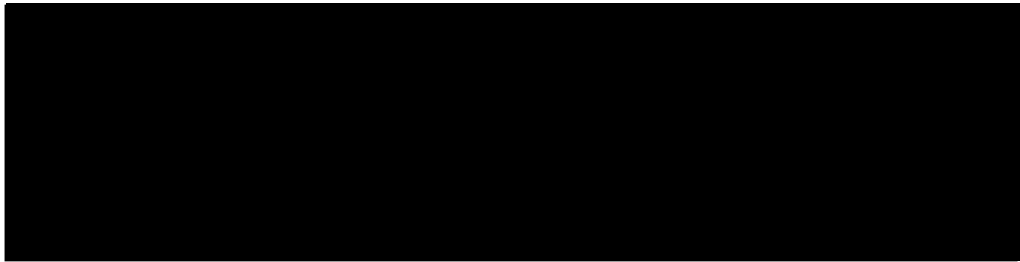
Neurosurgery



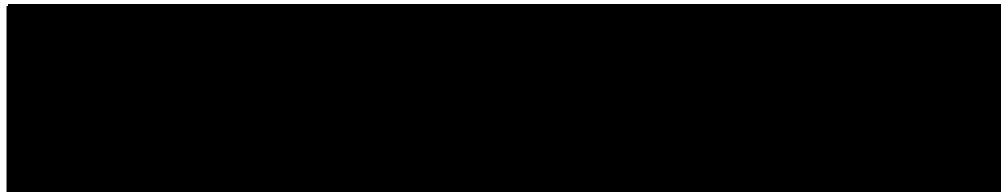
Paediatric Surgery

There are currently 4 consultants in post. Based on a projection of 7, the current number of 3 specialist registrars would suffice. Members commented that there was capacity to train in excess of the current number.

Orthopaedic Surgery



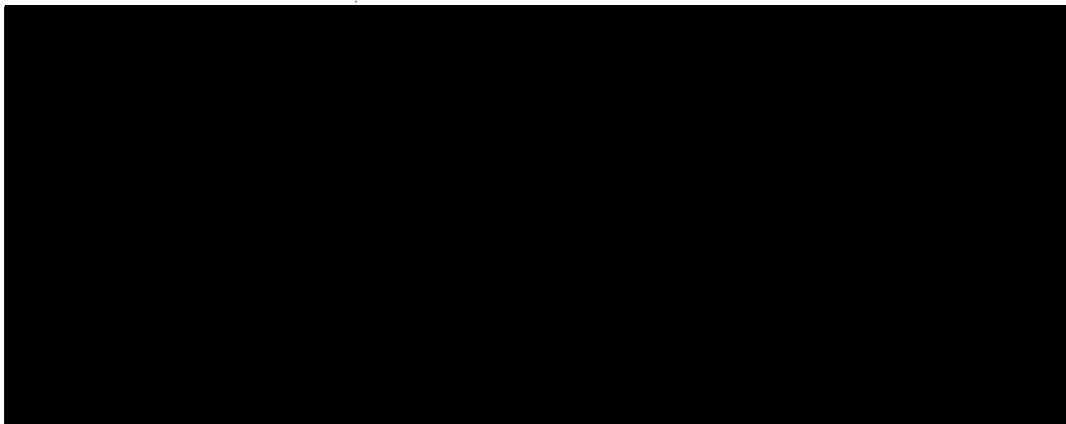
Emergency Medicine



- **Modernising Medical Careers**

Dr Woods outlined the developments in the *Modernising Medical Careers* initiative, notably the establishment of foundation programmes and the ongoing developments in specialist training. Members advised of the difficulties that run-through training would give rise to in surgery given the current tools for assessing surgical competence.

5. **COMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY (LS)**



6. UPDATE ON QUALITY AND SAFETY

Members noted the paper on Update on Quality and Safety.

- **NICE Guidance**

The Departmental Board has agreed a formal relationship with NICE as a commentator. Some NICE proposals may need modified for NI. NICE requires a quick turnaround time. The Department is creating a database of experts to send NICE proposals to for advice.

Orthopaedics – Mr J G Brown
Vascular – Mr J Moorehead
Paediatric – Mr Alaister Dick
Urology – Mr C Hagan
Breast – Alan Wilkinson and Ivan Stirling (BASLE)

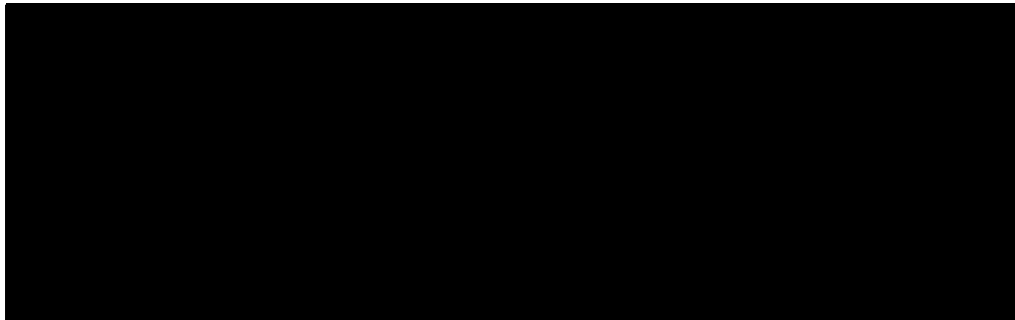
7. CONSENT

Members noted this issue. They commented on the growing difficulties with allowing students legitimate access to patients as part of their undergraduate studies.

8. FUTURE OF SPECIALTY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Members noted this paper and were advised that the recently announced results of the Review of Public Administration would have a fundamental impact on the shape of the advisory structure in future.

9. REVIEW OF TRAUMA



10. MEMBERSHIP OF SAC ON HSSC

Members re-nominated Mr C J McClelland and Mr F J Mullan.

11. FOR INFORMATION

