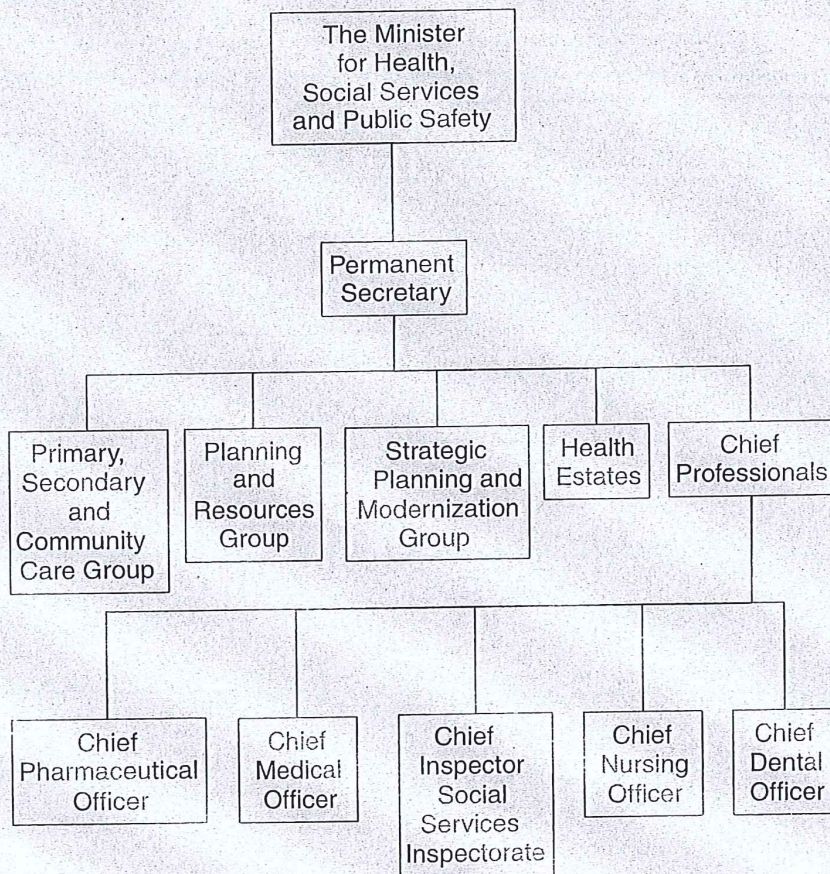


Fig. 2.2 The organization of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety



Health and social services councils

The consumer voice in relation to health and personal social services in Northern Ireland is currently provided through four health and social services councils. These councils cover the same geographical areas as the four health and social services boards. They advise the public about services, identify and raise issues concerning the quality of local services, involve the public in responding to consultation about health and social services, and advise the boards on how services might be improved.