

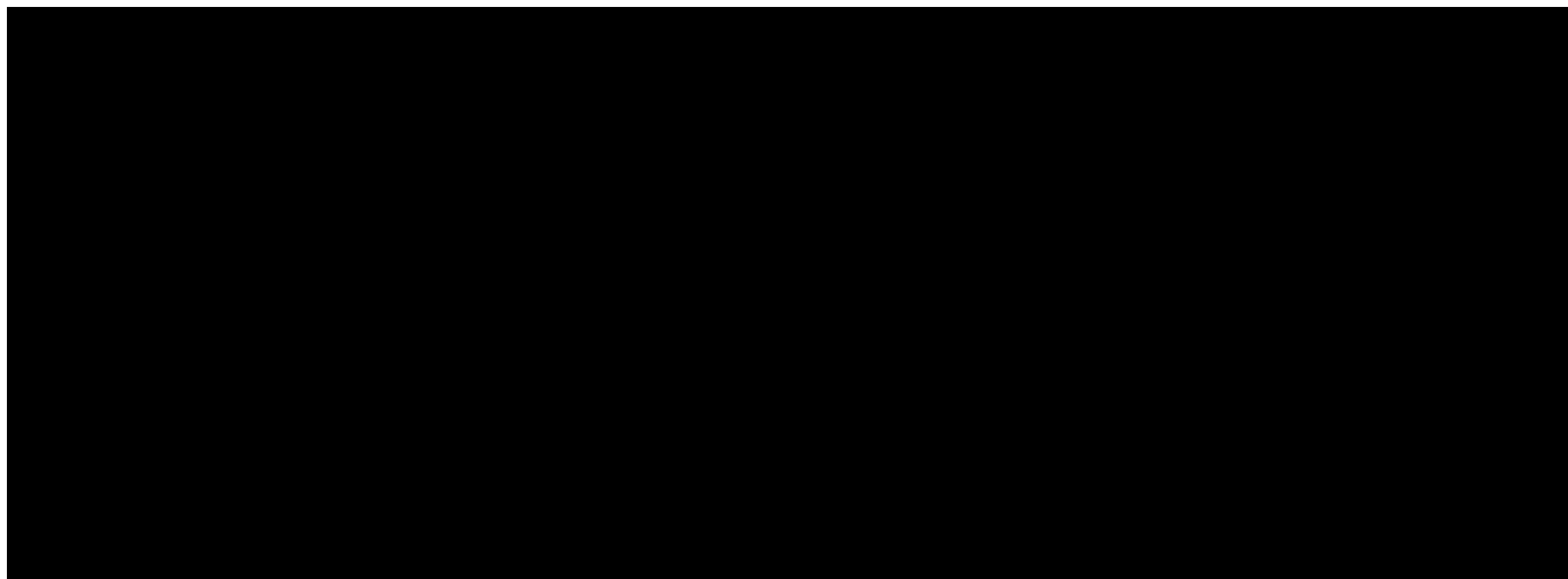
**Minutes of the CREST meeting, held on Thursday 8 November 2001, at 2.00pm  
in Conference Room C3.18, Castle Buildings.**

Present: Dr D Stewart (Chairman)  
Dr D Corrigan  
Professor R Davidson  
Dr K Fitzpatrick  
Mrs J Holmes  
Mr G Humphreys  
Dr J Jenkins  
Dr A Montgomery  
Dr B Patterson  
Mrs E Qua  
Dr C Russell  
Dr J Stone  
Dr T Trinick  
Mrs M Waddell  
Dr K Wilson  
Mr G Hannan } Secretariat  
Miss A Lowry }

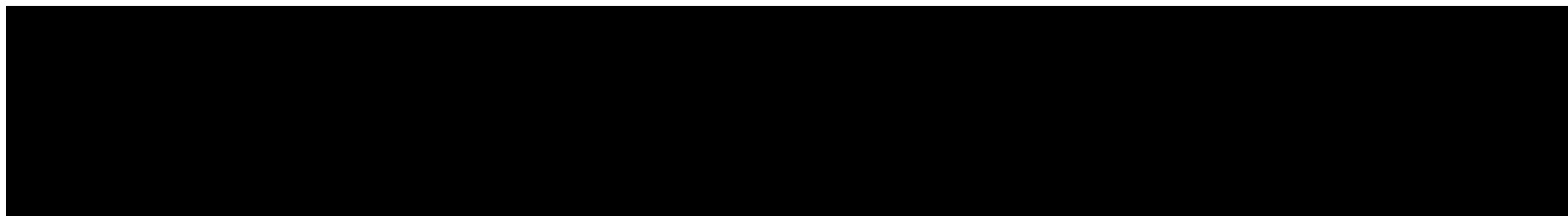
Apologies: Dr A Beirne  
Dr A McKnight  
Mr M O'Hare

In attendance: Dr B Farrell (for Item 6)  
Dr M McCarthy (for Item 5)  
Dr P McClements (for Item 6)  
Miss L McLaughlin  
Dr G Todd (for Item 4)

**1. Introduction and apologies**

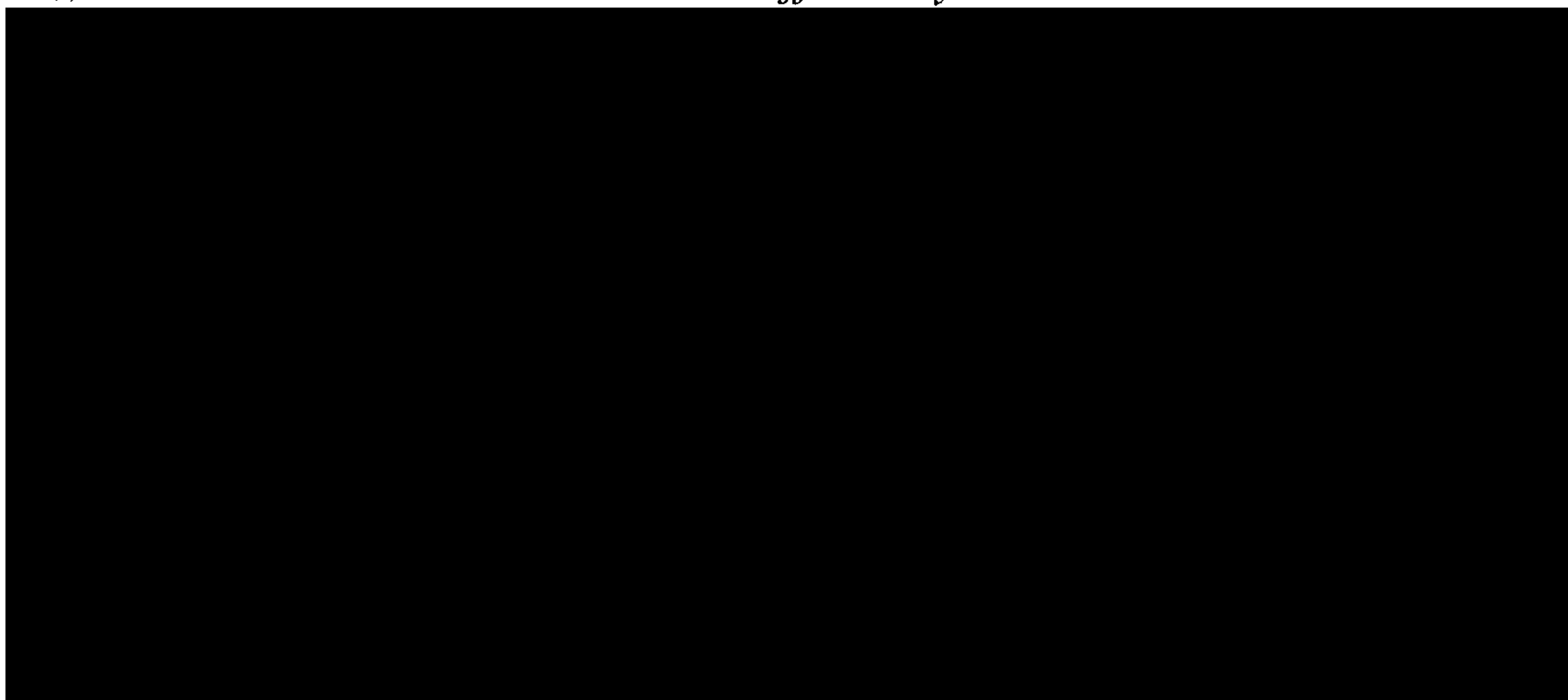


2. Minutes of the previous meeting



3. Matters arising

(i) *Clinical Intervention with those Affected by Trauma*

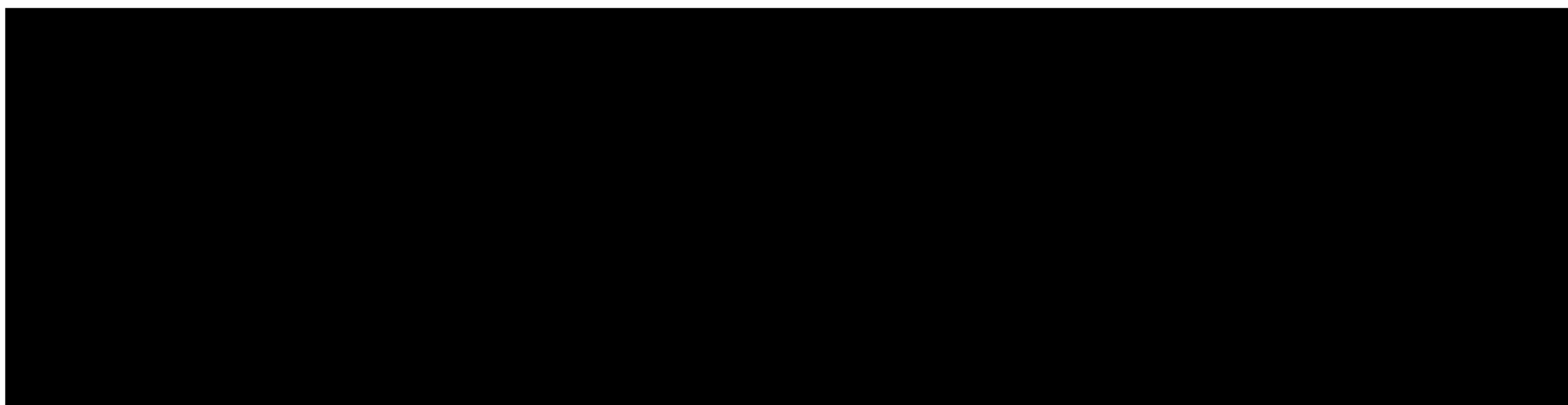


(ii) *Best Practice - Best Care*

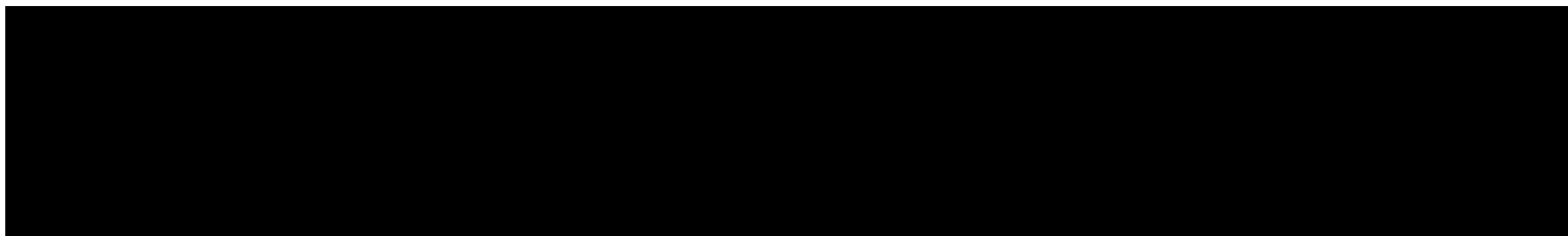
Dr Stewart reported that a special meeting of CREST had taken place on 22 June 2001, to discuss the CREST response to the Department's Best Practice - Best Care document. He said that a CREST proposal had been forwarded as well as the individual comments received from members. The responses were currently being collated by Margaret Rose McNaughton and it was envisaged that the Minister would make a statement on Best Practice - Best Care before the end of the year. Dr Stewart agreed to keep members informed of developments.

**Action: Dr Stewart**

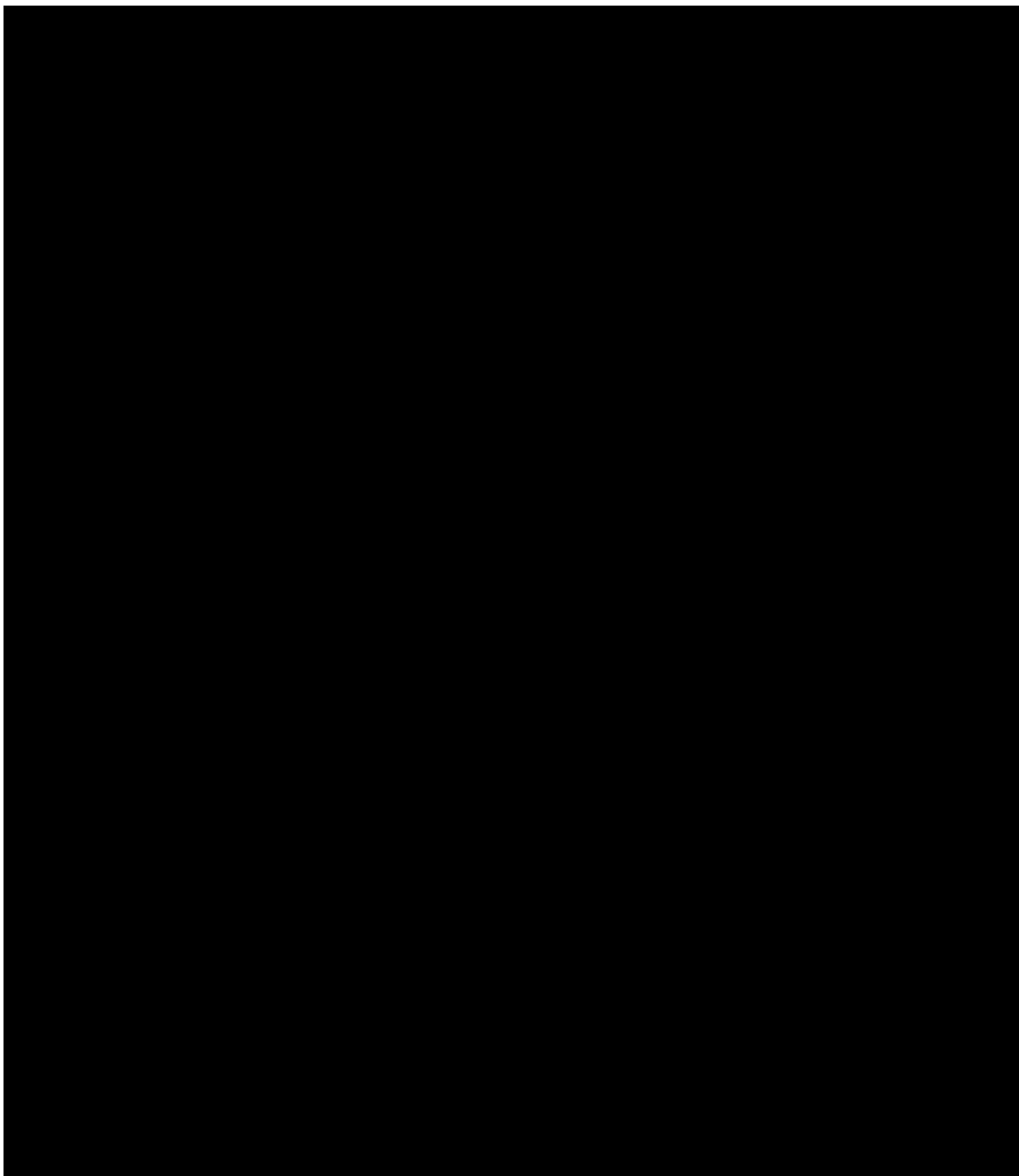
(iii) *ICT Strategy*



(iv) *Microbiology Service*



4. Use of Cortico-Steroids in the Treatment of Asthma



Action: Dr Stewart

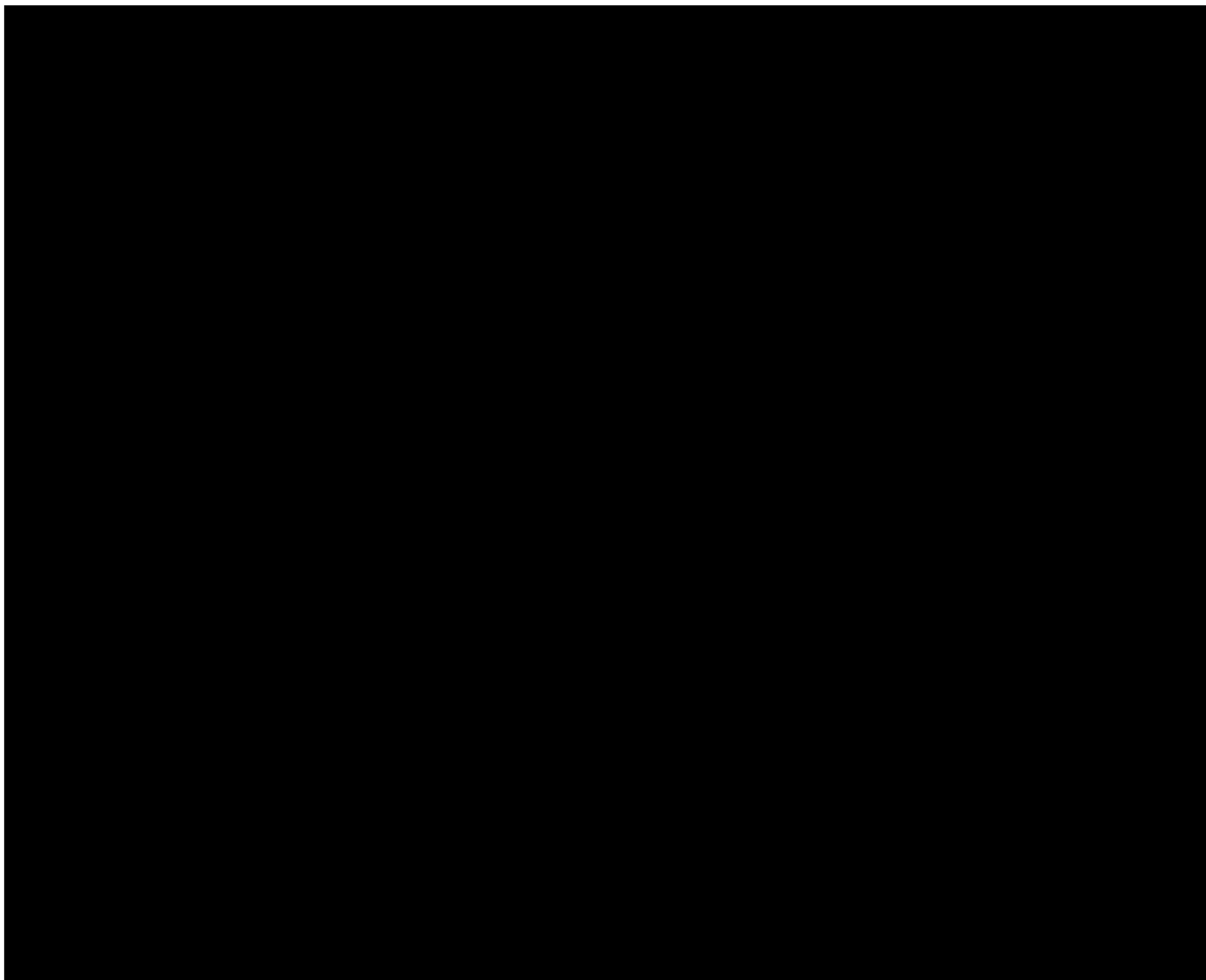
**5. Prevention of Hyponatraemia in Children Receiving Intravenous Fluids**

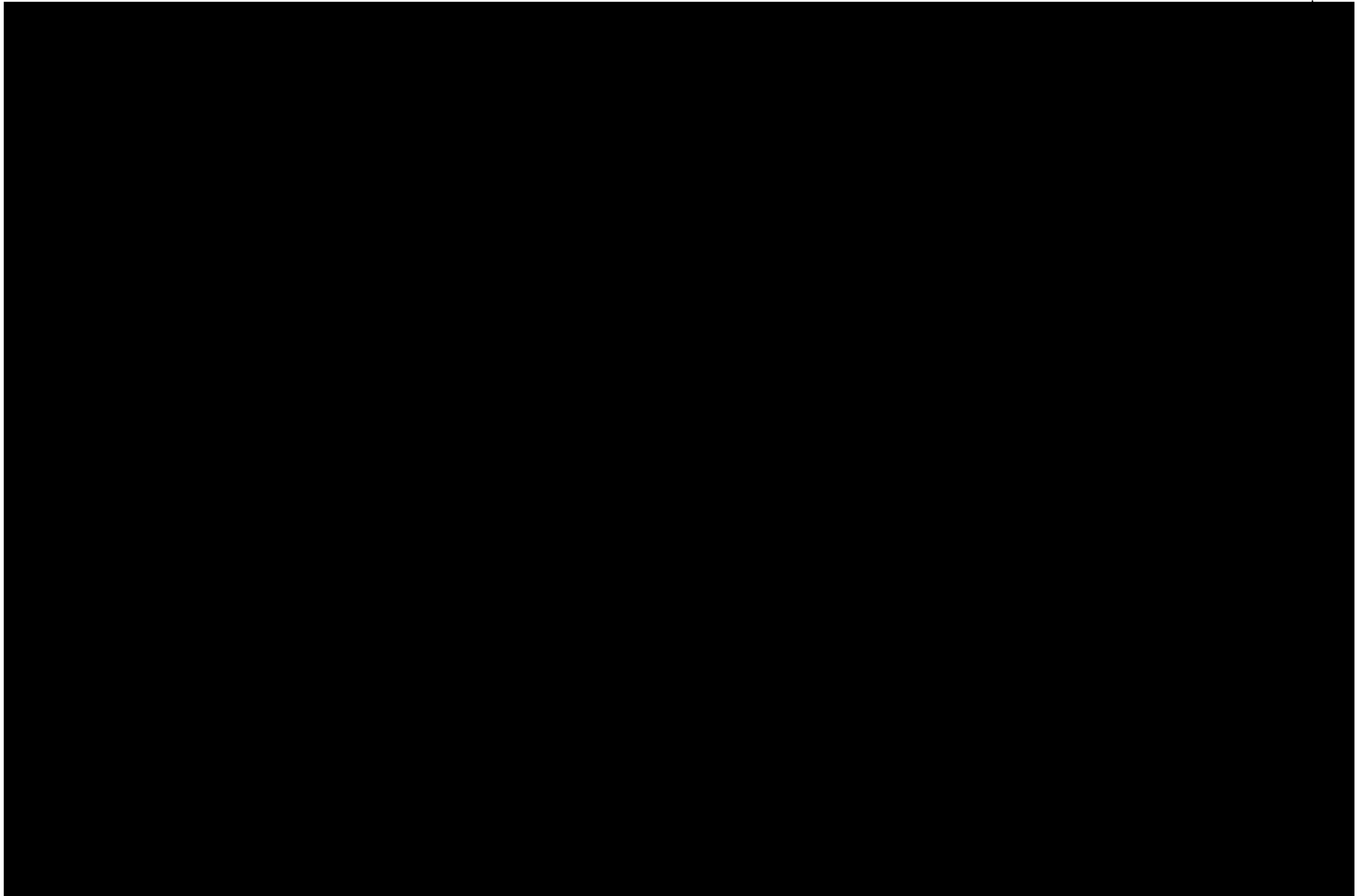
Dr Stewart reported that the Department had approached CREST regarding the dissemination and 'kite marking' of guidelines on the Prevention of Hyponatraemia in Children Receiving Intravenous Fluids. He introduced Dr McCarthy, DHSSPS, who stated that the problem had come to the attention of the Department through clinicians, who reported an increase in the condition and felt in need of urgent guidance. As a result a working group had been quickly convened and comprised Paediatric Anaesthetists and Surgeons, Public Health Medicine, Nursing and Chemical Pathology specialties. The guidelines had been targeted at junior staff and non-specialists and were intended to highlight awareness.

After debate members agreed that the guidelines should be circulated to the relevant specialist in laminated card format with an accompanying letter signed by CMO. It was also agreed that a small working group comprising Drs Russell, Fitzpatrick, Montgomery and Trinick, a Renal Physician and a nurse should be convened to take the initiative forward. Dr Russell agreed to act as Chairman and to arrange a suitable date for the inaugural meeting. Mrs Waddell also felt that the education of nurses on the maintenance of fluid balance needed to be addressed and the matter raised with Nursing Education.

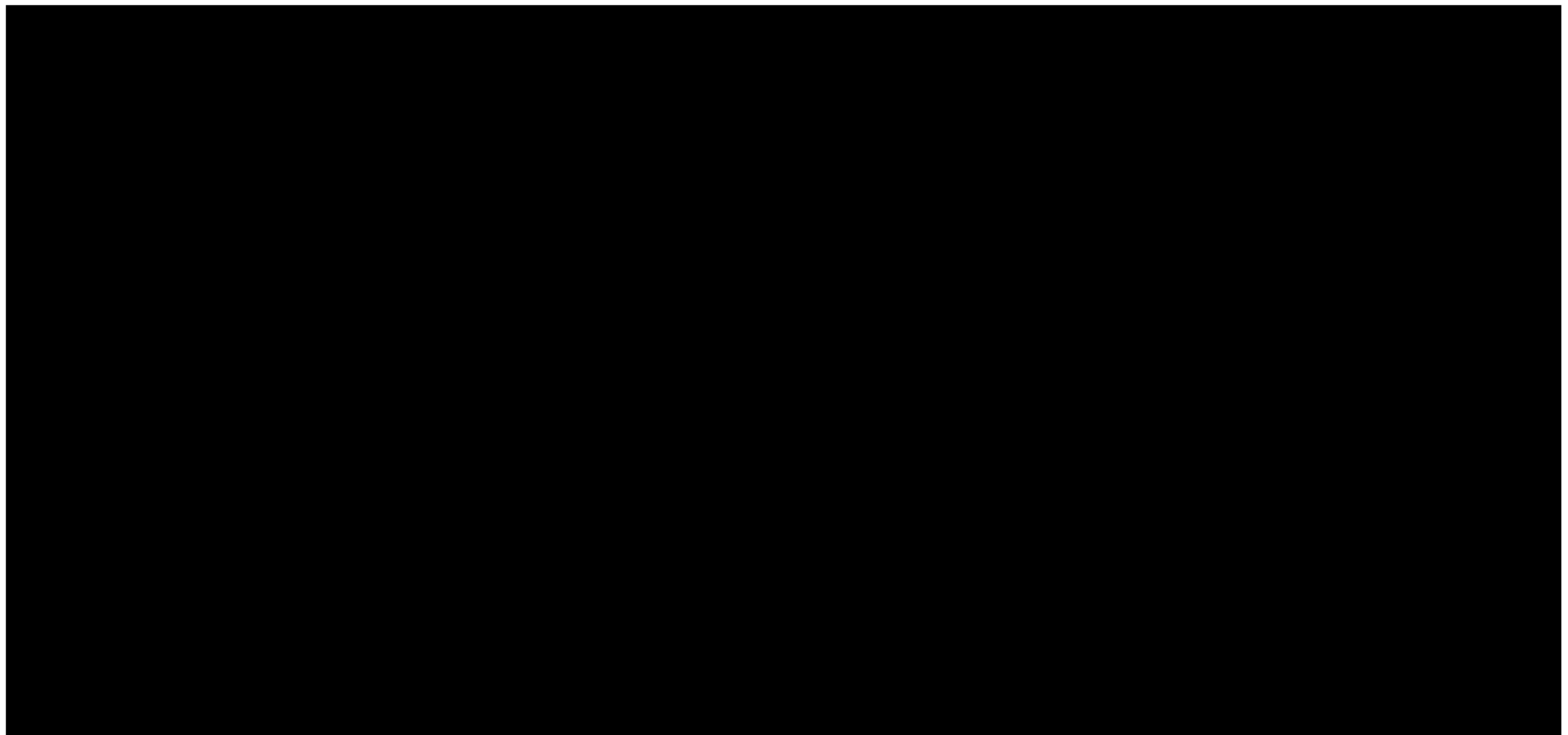
**Action: The above named members**

**6. Diabetes Care**

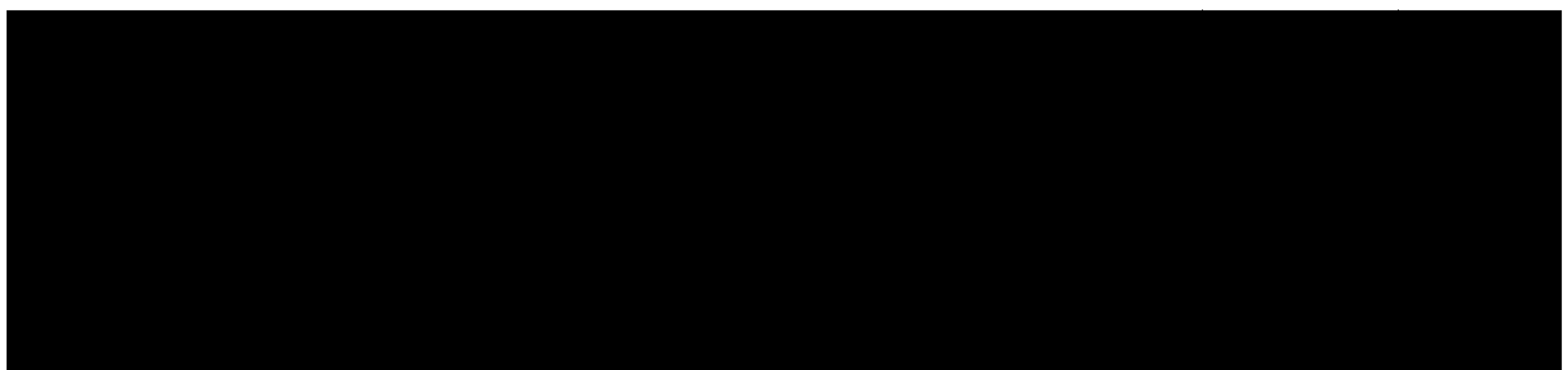


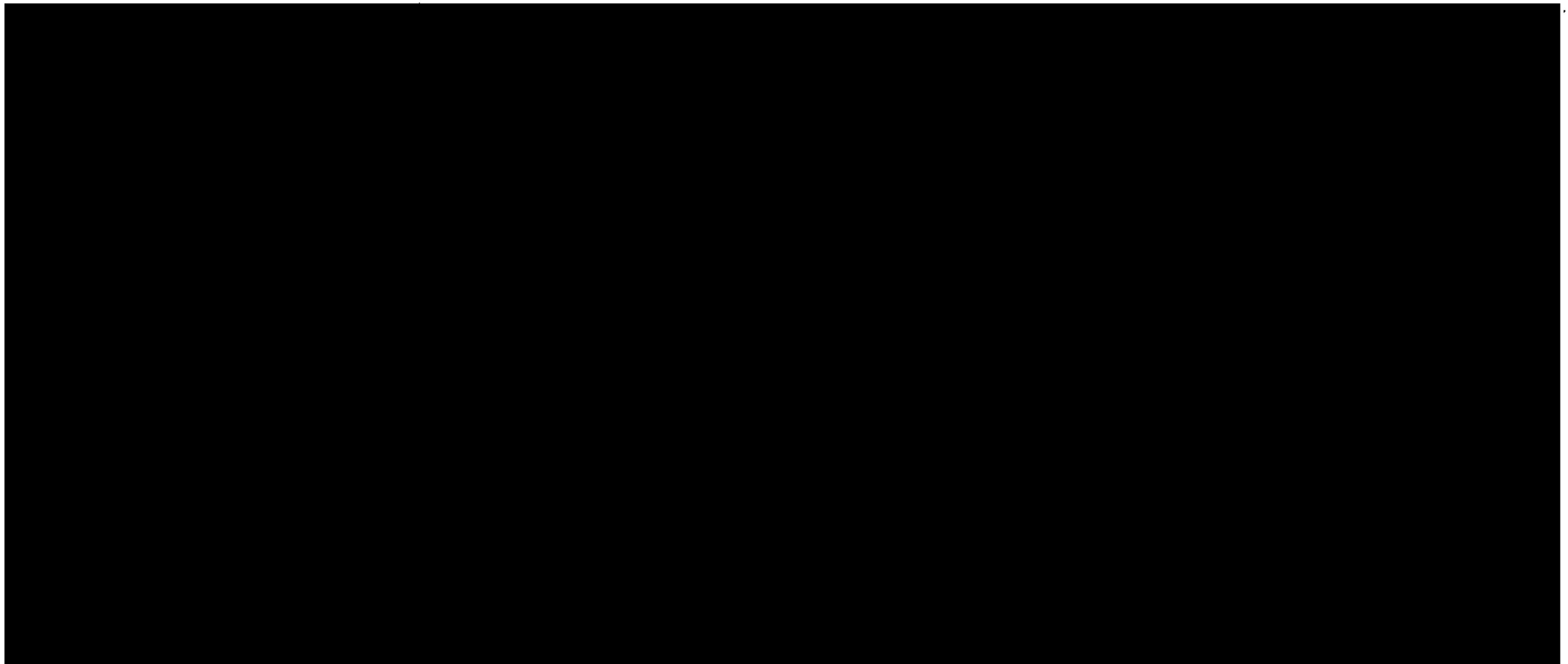


7. **Effective Decision Making Using Theory of Constraints.**



8. **Obesity**

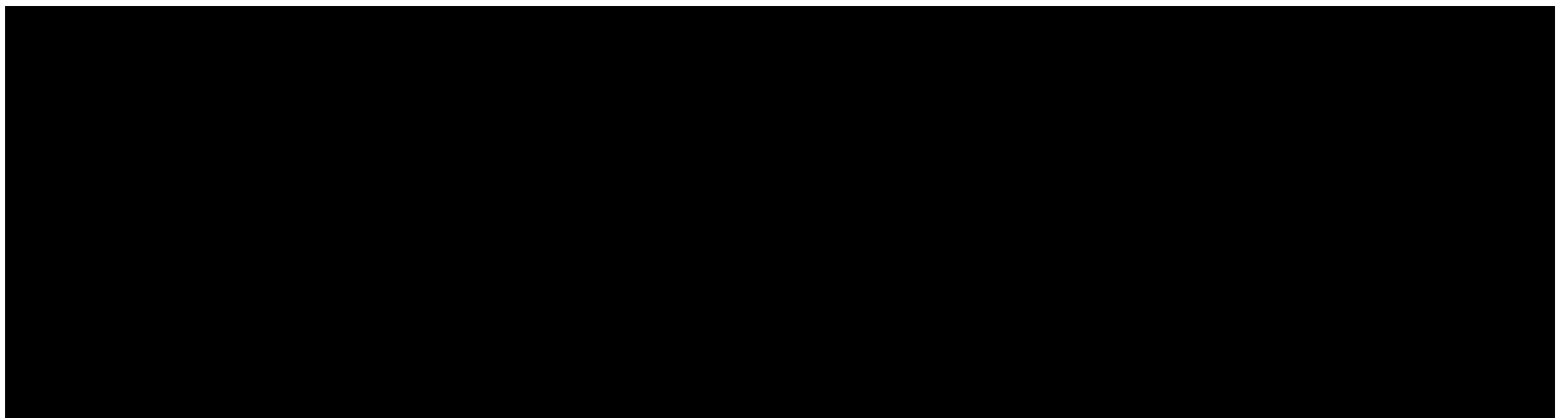




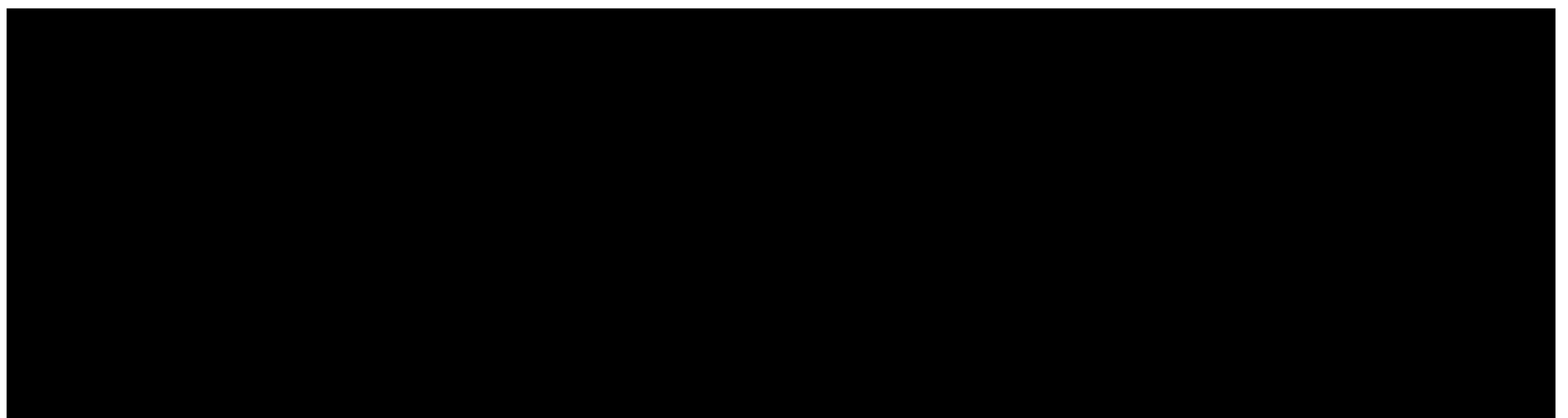
**9. Guideline Development and Implementation**

Professor Davidson reported that funding had been secured for the project on Guideline Development and Implementation. A researcher had been appointed, a literature review was imminent, followed by an audit on current practice on receipt of new guidelines. A pilot study would then be conducted assessing practice before and after receipt of a specified guideline.

**10. Waiting Lists**



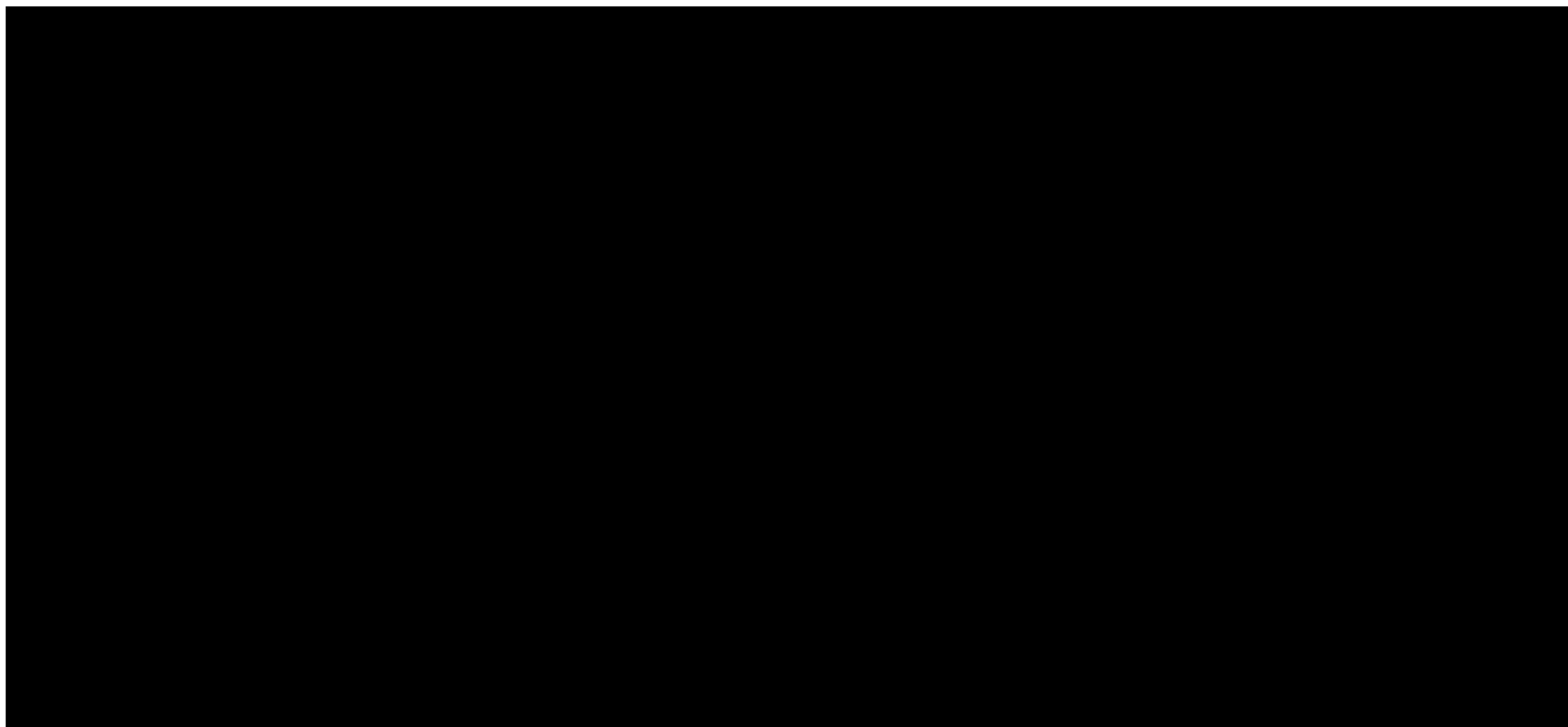
**11. Training in the Use of Defibrillators**



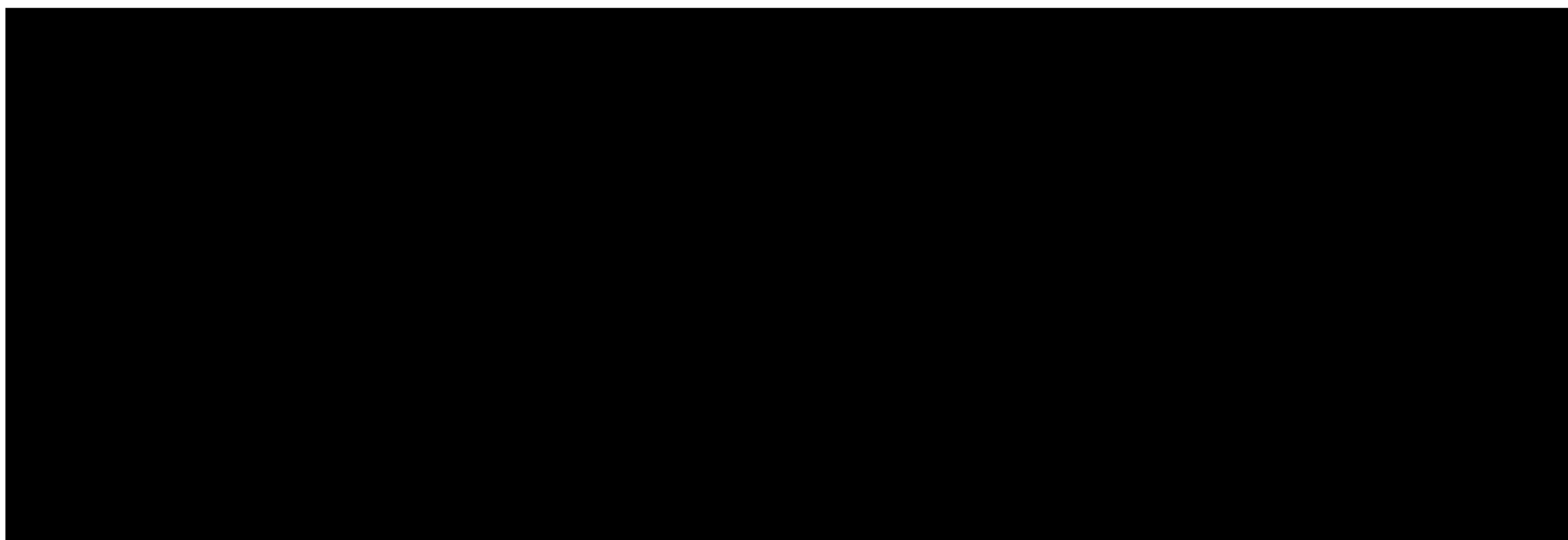


*Sub-Group Reports*

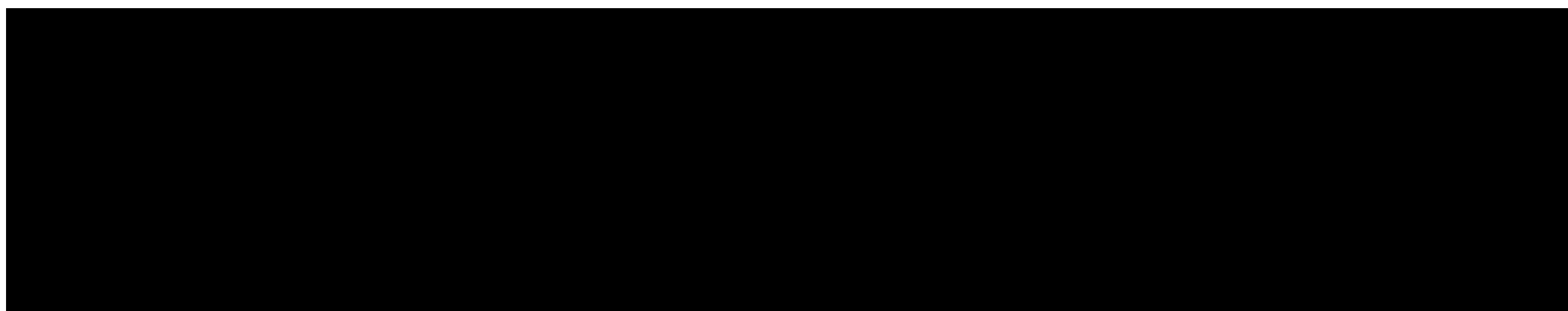
12. Wound Management



13. Home Enteral Tube Feeding

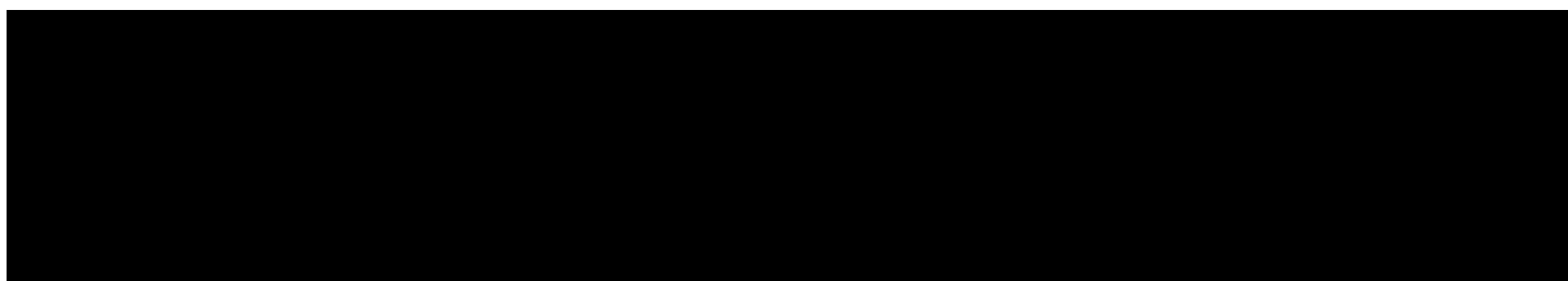


14. Better Use of Blood in Northern Ireland



*Sub-Committee Report*

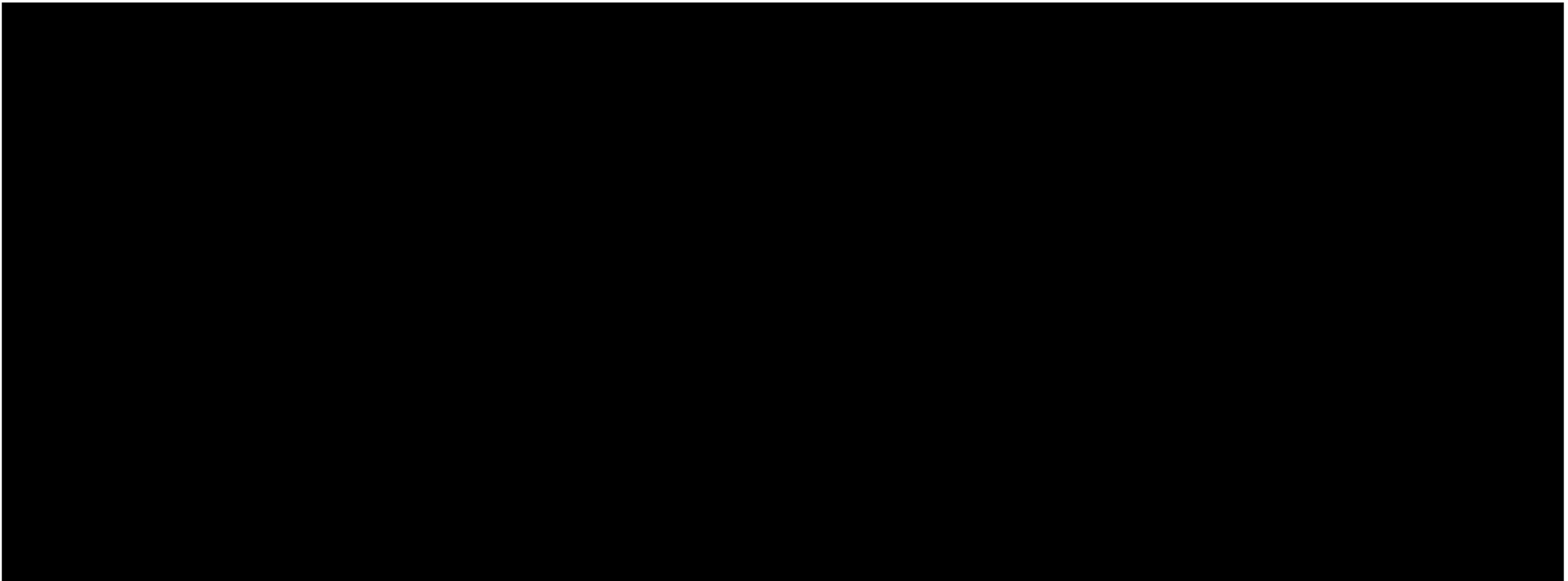
15. Evaluation of Equipment



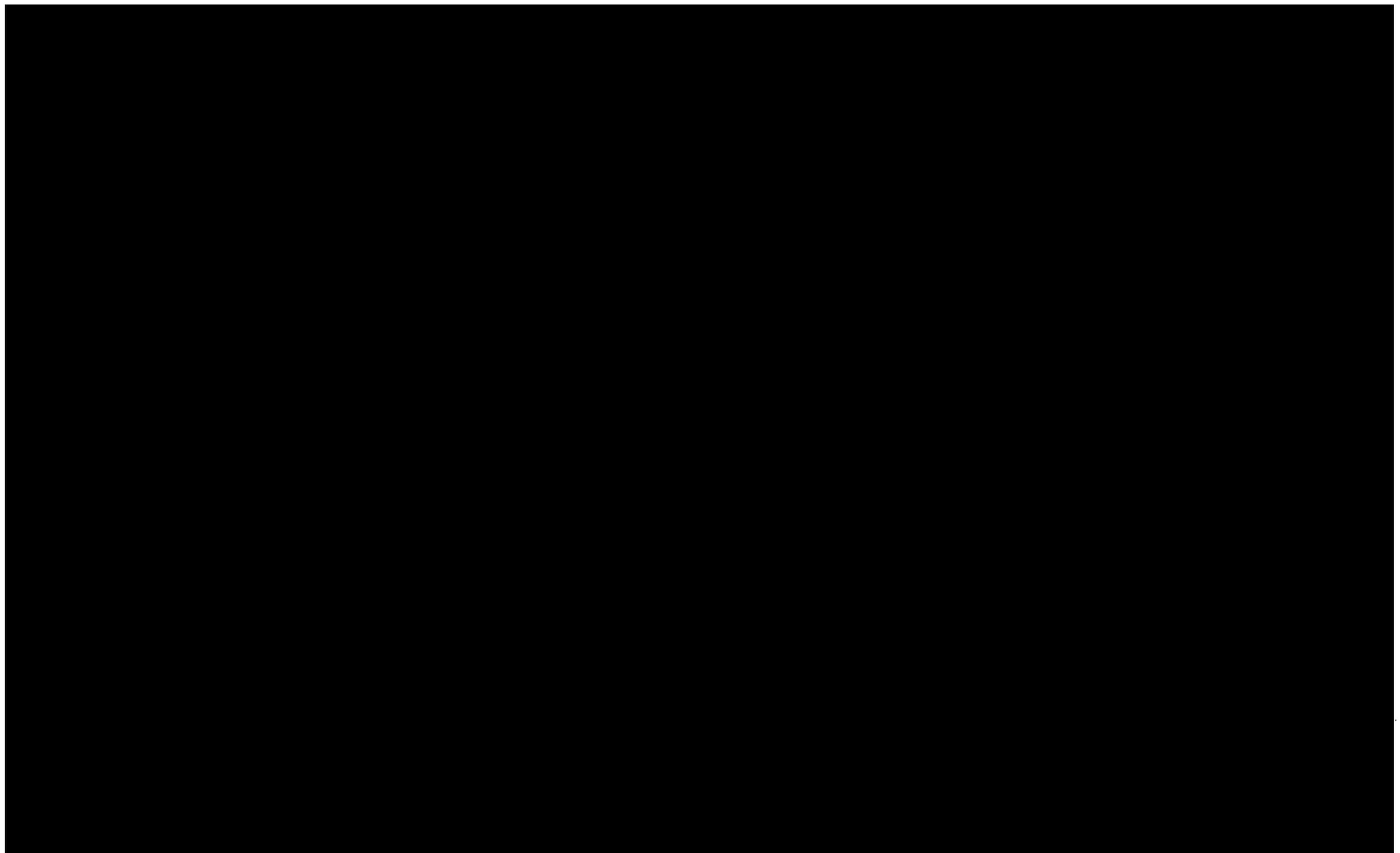


16. Any other business

(i) *Varicose Veins*



(ii) *Control of Pain in Patients with Cancer*



17. Date of next meeting

The dates of the CREST meetings for the year 2002 are Thursday 7 February, 9 May and 7 November 2002.