

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC HEALTH/DHSSPS ON MONDAY 3 APRIL 2000 AT 10.00 AM IN ROOM C5.15, CASTLE BUILDINGS, STORMONT

PRESENT

DsPH

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

Guest Speakers

Dr P Darragh Dr C Beattie

Department

Dr H Campbell (Chairman)
Dr M Boyle
Dr M Briscoe
Mrs K Campbell
Dr McClements
Dr T Wyatt

ACTION

1. APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3. MATTERS ARISING

National Screening Issues

a. i. Breast Screening



ACTION ii. **Cervical Screening** Neonatal Screening for Deafness b. Preservation of sight in diabetes: a national risk Ċ. reduction programme

d. Caesarean Sections



4. ACCESS TO CHILD HEALTH SYSTEM INFORMATION

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Karen Campbell to the meeting and invited her to detail the process which ensure the confidentiality of information.

Mrs Campbell stated that current procedures included:-

- all confidential information would be held with the Information and analysis Unit who would be responsible for security of data;
- requests for information from each user would be seen first by Dr Boyle and only information for legitimate reasons would be considered for disclosure. It was emphasised that information for specific purposes would only be used for that specific purpose and no other;
- whilst in some cases names and addresses were held, these records were kept where there was no ready access;

The system could be applied to child health system data.

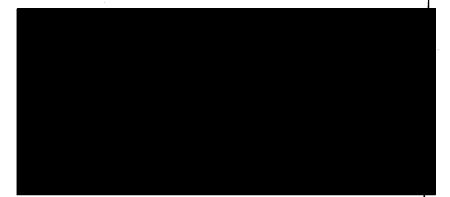
In the discussion which followed some concern was expressed about information with postcodes or DOB being released which would break confidentiality. In reply, Dr Boyle confirmed that this would never occur.

The Chairman and the DsPH agreed in principle with the controls outlined by Mrs Campbell but considered that the research community at large would need updating on the 1998 revision of the 1994 Data Protection Act and the general handling of data.

It was agreed that a Group should be convened to consider the detail of what child health information should be provided by Boards for regional purposes. This Group could subsequently meet on an annual basis to reappraise information needs.

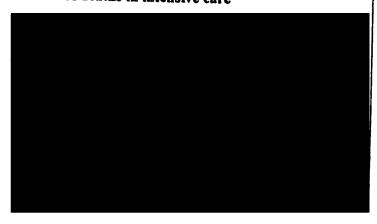
The Group would include Dr Boyle, a nominee from the Maternal and Child Health Community, Public Health personnel, Mr Martin Bradley, a senior nurse and IT personnel from the Department and the Boards.

5. REGIONAL PERINATAL REPORT



6. ORGAN DONATION

a. Audit of deaths in intensive care

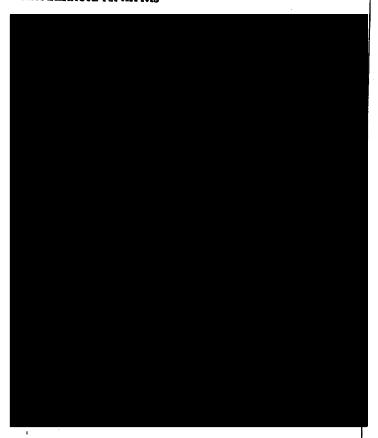


b. Review of UKTSSA

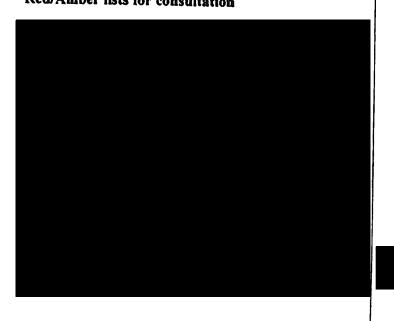
7. CANCER SERVICES - UPDATE

a. Report of the Oesophageal Cancer Sub-group

- 8. SPECIALIST DRUGS
 - a. Rheumatoid Arthritis



b. Red/Amber lists for consultation



9. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

a.

c. National Focus on Chemical Incidents



10. REVIEW OF DRUGS AND POISONS INFORMATION SERVICES



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11.	CLINICAL IMAGING	
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12.	POLICY FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY SERVICES	
12	MODERNICATION	
13.	MODERNISATION OF PATHOLOGY	

ANY OTHER BUSINESS 14. a. b. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 15.