

Date: 23 February 2005

1. Dean Sullivan – agreed, 23 February 2005

2. Minister

MEETING WITH DR KIERAN DEENY, MLA, TO DISCUSS HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY WITHIN HIS CONSTITUENCY OF WEST TYRONE

Issue: You have agreed to meet with Dr Kieran Deeny

MLA to discuss health service delivery in his

constituency of West Tyrone.

Timescale: Meeting on 1 March 2005 at 15.30 p.m.

Presentational Issues: Dr Deeny, Omagh Council and the Hospital

Campaign Group continue to publicly protest

the decision to locate the new South West

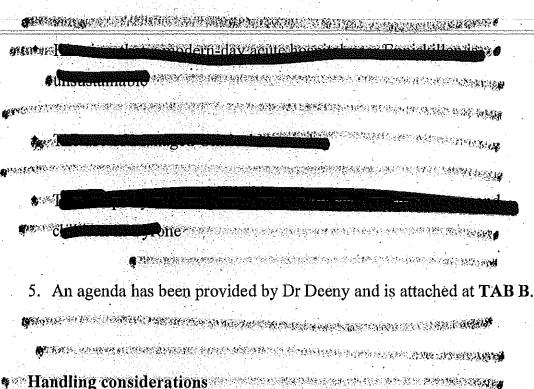
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Recommendation: That you note the attached briefing material.

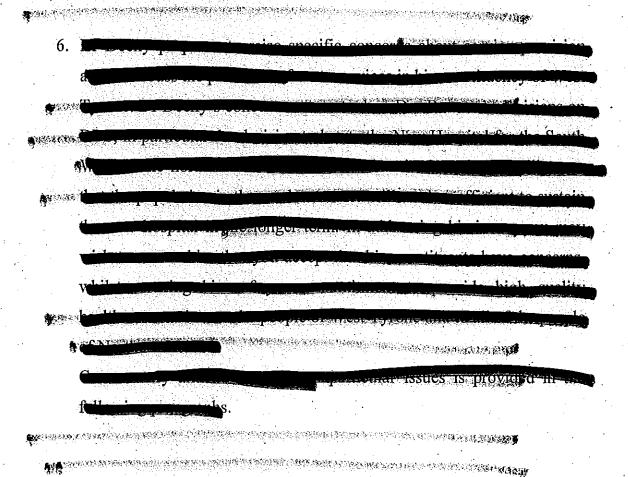
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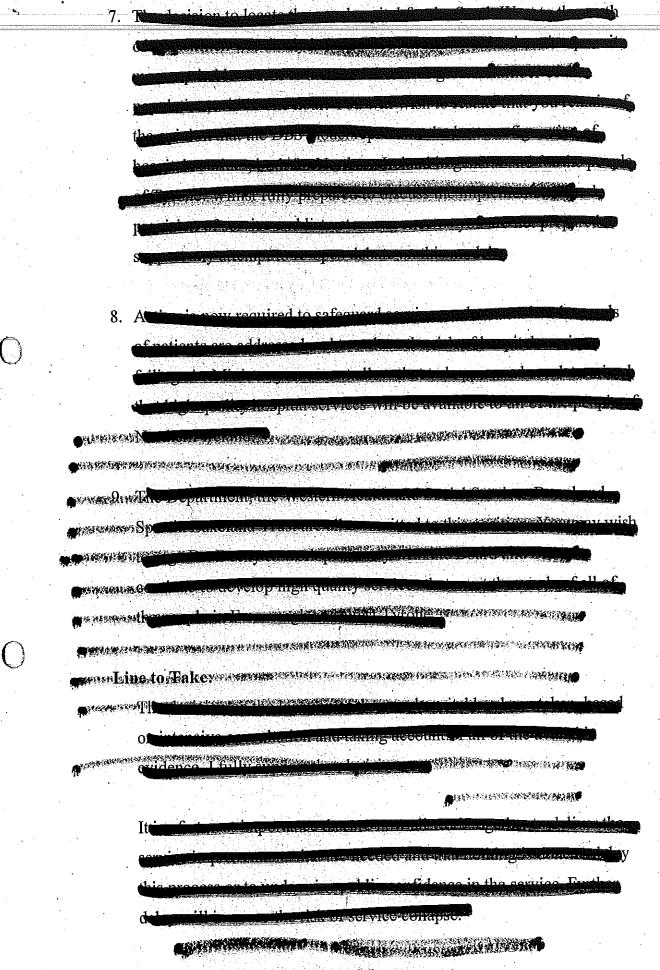
- 1. This meeting replaces a meeting scheduled for 29 November, which had to be postponed due to pressure on Minister's diary. You previously met with Dr Deeny on his own on 26 February 2004, and as part of a delegation of MLAs from West Tyrone on 4 March 2004. You also met with a joint delegation from Omagh Council and the Hospital Campaign Steering Group on 3 November 2004.
- 2. Dr Deeny has also been in correspondence with the Minister and the Department on a number of occasions since your meetings in February and March. I have attached a table of correspondence at **TAB F** and copies of the replies issued. Whilst it is unlikely that this meeting will resolve any of Dr Deeny's objections it will demonstrate your willingness to engage with the key stakeholders in the area.
- 3. As you are aware, the Department, the Western Health & Social Services Board and Sperrin Lakeland Trust have been involved in efforts to communicate the *Developing Better Services* agenda more effectively to the general public, health care professionals and elected representatives. To this end, we have undertaken a series of information meetings with the 6 MLAs from West Tyrone including Dr Deeny. Unfortunately, that process has run into difficulties and those will be raised at this meeting by Dr. Deeny.
- 4. Dr Deeny has confirmed that he wishes to discuss the following issues:
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14 As a result of the deaths of three children from hyponatraemia and the subsequent media publicity Minister announced an independent inquiry on 18 November 2004 and has appointed John O'Hara, QC to conduct the inquiry. The inquiry was originally scheduled to report with

- recommendations in June 2005 but has now been delayed into 2006 due
 - evidence of criminal activity by the Trust Management that he has held for use by the PSNI.

Line to take:

*Hagree that it is of the utmost importance that people have confidence in standards of care provided by the health and social services. For that reason I have initiated an independent inquiry into events surrounding the death of Lucy Crawford and of Adam Strain and Raychel Ferguson and I have appointed John O'Hara, QC to conduct that inquiry.

It would be wholly inappropriate to draw conclusions about any aspect of
these matters until this inquiry has been completed and a report and
recommendations produced.

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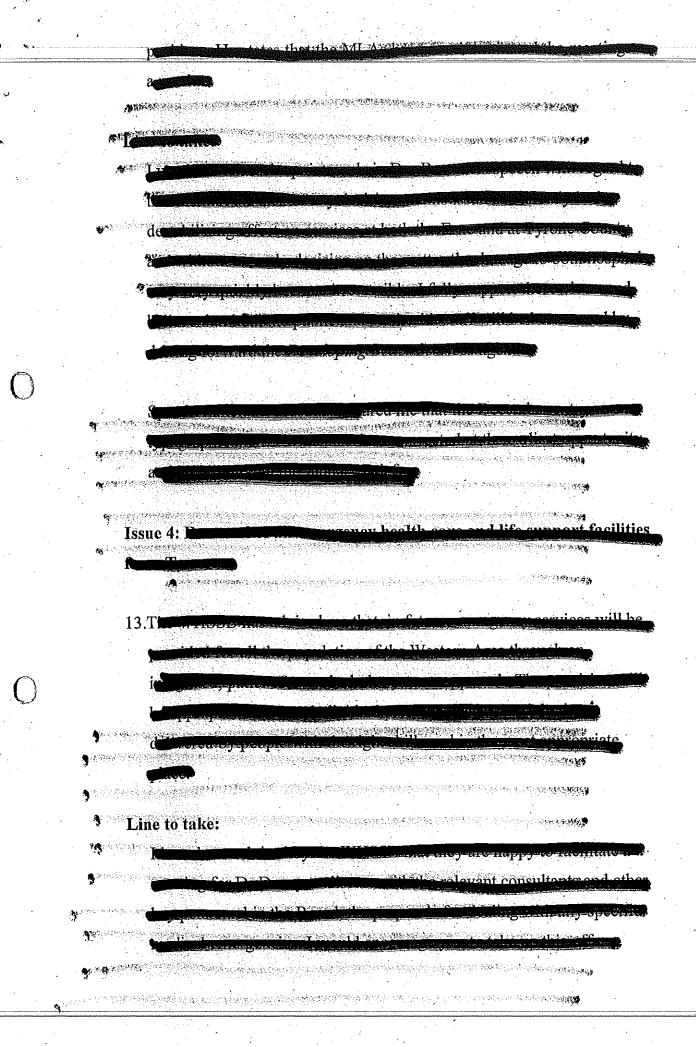
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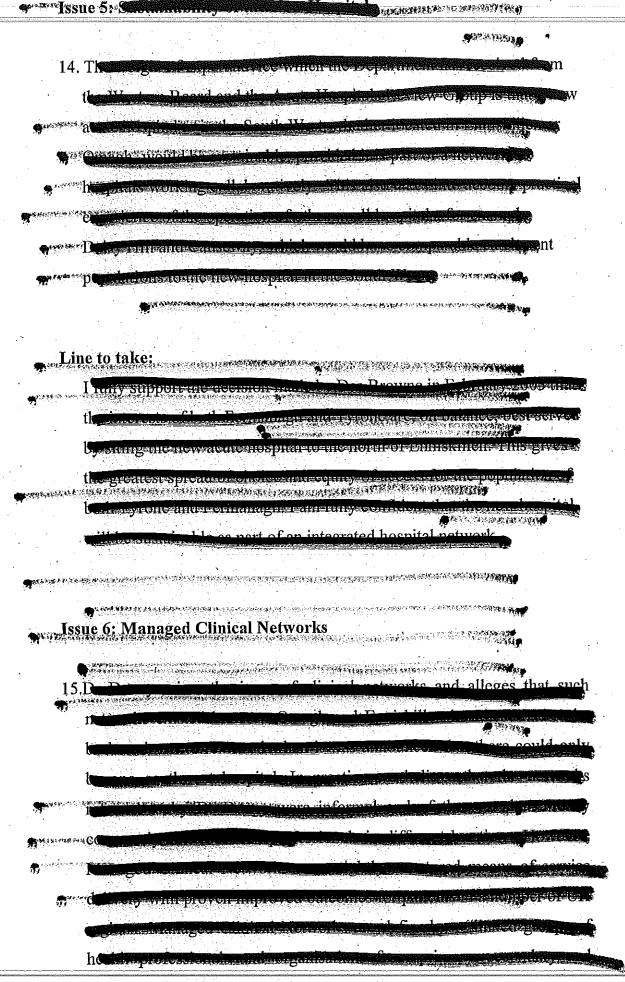
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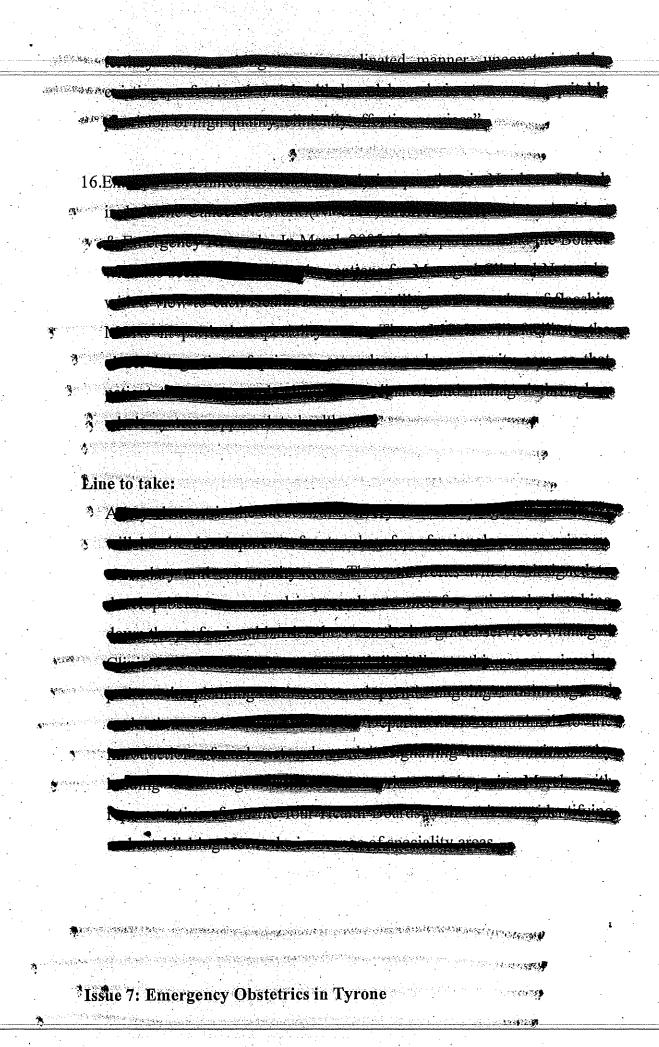
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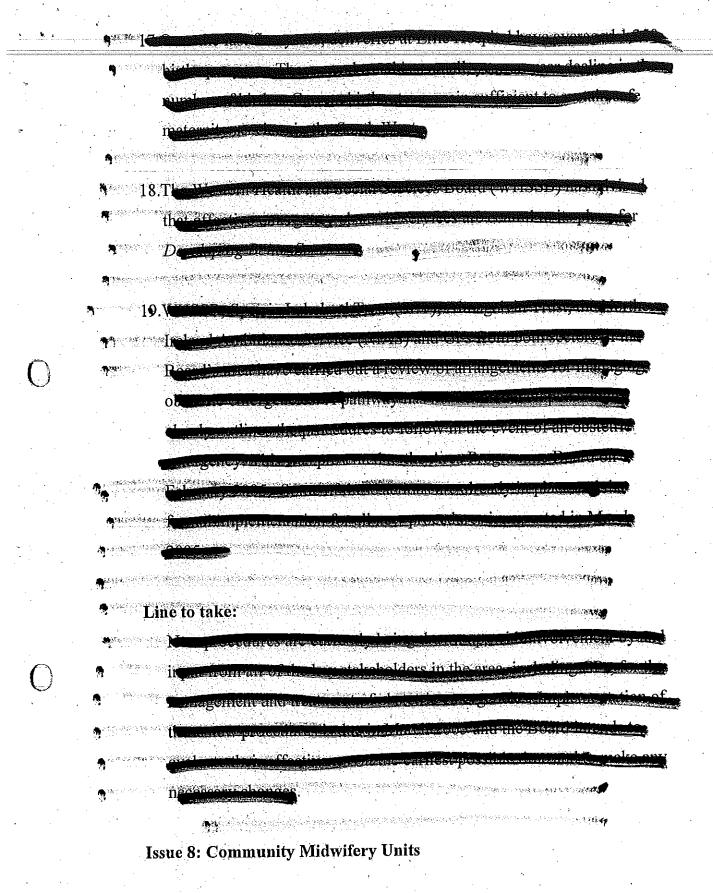
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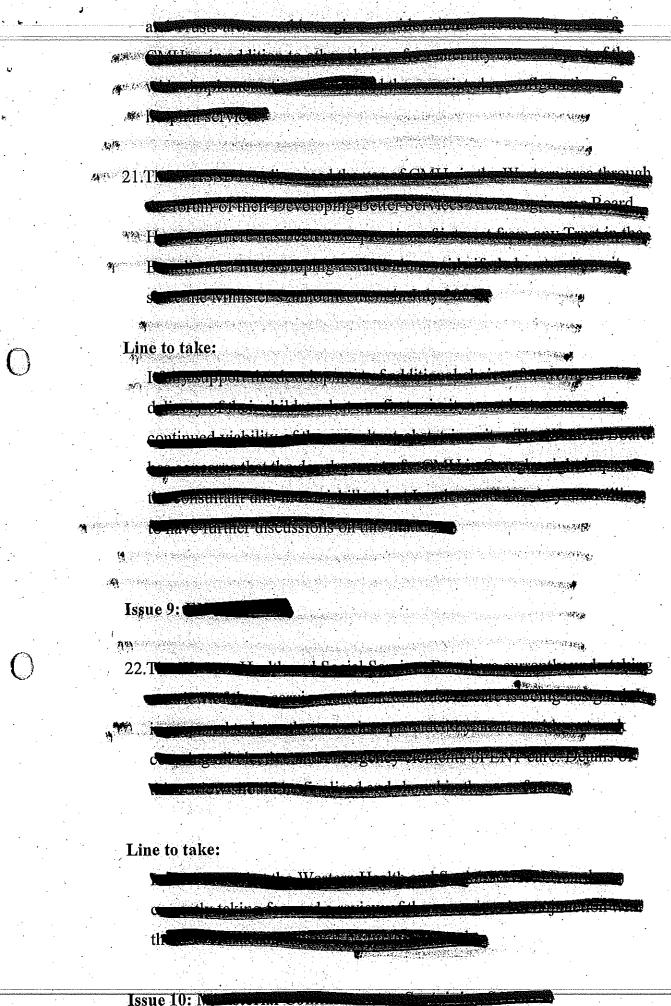


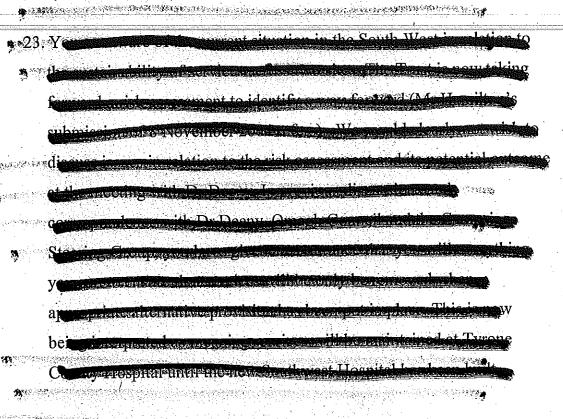






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Recommendation

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