

# WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

**Minutes of One Hundred and Sixteenth meeting of the  
Western Health and Social Services Council  
held in The Studio, Ardhowen Theatre  
Dublin Road, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh  
on Thursday 6 February 2003  
at 2.00PM**

Present:	Mr R Rogan, Chairman Mr H Andrews Mrs V Brown Miss M Burke Mr P Gilgunn Mrs M Hamilton	Mr I Maguire Mr B McAleer Mrs H Quigley Ms M Reilly Mrs F Robson
Apologies:	Mrs M Devlin Mr E Friel Mr J Kerr	Mr R McKelvey Mr W Page
In Attendance:	Mr S Millar	Mrs L Preston

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## C11/03 Chairman's Business:

Mr Rogan referred to the untimely death on **1 February 2003** of Member Mr Tony Carlin. He recalled that shortly after his appointment to the Council on 13 December 2001 Mr Carlin had been diagnosed with a life threatening illness. Despite the devastating news he continued to make a major contribution to the Council's work programme and represented the Council on the Northern Ireland Cancer Forum. Mr Rogan said Mr Carlin's attendance record was exemplary and throughout his life he was a great advocate for older folk and socially deprived people who needed a voice to speak on their behalf.

Members followed the Chairman in paying individual tributes to Mr Carlin's life and the manner in which he faced his illness.

The Chief Officer said the Council's Officers retained memories of a Member who used humour and charm to pursue his strongly held points of view.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr Carlin.

The Chairman and Chief Officer undertook to extend a message of sympathy from the meeting to Mrs Mary Carlin and her family.

Mr Rogan stated his appreciation to Mr Rodney Connor Chief Executive and the staff of Fermanagh District Council for extending the use of the Studio in the Ardhowen Theatre for the meeting venue.

C12/03 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on **Thursday 9 January 2003** having been previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

C13/03 **Matters Arising from Minutes:**

***C41/02 Coroner's Service Review:***

The Chief Officer said he had not received a reply from the Review Team to the Council's request to meet and discuss problems identified by people living in the area of the Western Board. Mr Millar made the meeting aware of the names on the Northern Ireland Reference Group. Mrs Quigley shared her disappointment that the Group did not have any representation from the Health and Social Services Councils. The Chief Officer agreed to make contact with local people on the Reference Group. He explained that contact was not aided by the absence of a Northern Ireland contact address and all communication had to be directed to London.

***C17/02 Human Organs Inquiry:***

The Chief Officer indicated he was aware of the frustrations being reported from relatives in the Western area over their perceptions of delays in the introduction of the recommendations of the Human Organs Inquiry. He had drawn to the attention of Mrs Jane Graham Chief Officer of Eastern Council who represents the HSS Councils on a Working Group three points:

1. A need to ensure an information process is established to share details with relatives in a plain English/non jargon format.
2. The inclusion of timeframes will help instil a sense of discipline and demonstrate the Department is serious in a desire to bring about a radical change in procedures.
3. Progress should be reported through regular updates to relatives at intervals of approximately six weeks.

Mrs Graham agreed to bring the points to the Working Group.

***C88/02 Subfertility Services:***

The Chief Officer confirmed his intention to attend a meeting in the Royal Maternity Hospital on 17 February 2003 to consider waiting list priorities within the Regional Subfertility Service. Mr Millar said the HSSCs' Chief Officers appreciated an opportunity to meet with Board representatives and consider a very complex issue. He added that he would ask for people waiting for the service to be provided with regular accurate information. Mrs Robson said she was anxious that people with financial means could have a priority status and jump the queue over NHS patients. She referred to the huge anxiety which childless couples had to bear whilst waiting to see if they will receive treatment. Ms Reilly agreed that a quality flow of information may help to reduce a very stressful situation.

***C05/03 Nurses from Overseas:***

Ms Reilly referred to the information recorded in the Sperrin Lakeland Trust Core Brief about the recruitment of overseas nurses. She said in contrast to the internal information provided to the Trust employees the Trust had not handled well the external public relations aspect. As a result a controversy had developed in Co Fermanagh as to whether the overseas nurses were taking away jobs from local people. Mr Andrews said he was not satisfied with the response he had received from the Trust as to why people from outside the Common Market had secured two year contracts when local nurses had temporary contracts of a more limited six month period. Mrs Brown said she was worried that on entry to the UK the new recruits were not required to undergo blood tests. The matter should not be read as a racist reaction but she agreed with Ms Reilly that there were concerns over the management of skills in Nursing.

The Chief Officer cautioned the meeting that the Council's focus was primarily on patients and there were staff bodies which could articulate the employees agenda. He said he was aware that the nurses identified were highly qualified with specialised skills and training up to a very high professional standard through the medium of English. He considered the nurses had made significant personal sacrifices to come to the Trust and protect health care services. Mr Gilgunn explained a requirement to ensure qualified children's nurses were located across hospital specialities. The Trust had to ensure appropriately qualified staff were in post otherwise services would have to be withdrawn. The Chairman agreed with the Chief Officer's observations and stressed the discussion did not imply any criticism of staff.

***C06/03 Services for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder:***

Mr Rogan shared the details of a meeting with Western Board Officers on current services and challenges to be faced in meeting the needs of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. Mr Rogan explained how children with the condition may have needs across a range from very severe autism with learning disability to a milder form with challenging behaviour commonly known as Aspergers Syndrome. He said the number of children in the Western area with Autistic Spectrum Syndrome aged one to twelve years could increase from the current 124 children to 390 over the next decade. Around 70% of these children will have a learning difficulty. The resultant increase in demand for diagnosis, assessment and treatment has put pressure on existing services both in terms of skills required and resources. Waiting lists can mean a delay of twelve to fifteen months. Council Members agreed with the Chairman that Autism has a huge impact on family life and parents needed a high level of multi agency support. The Council accepted a need to monitor how the Board will tackle the gaps in current services. The Chairman asked for a letter from the Western Board's Assistant Chief Nurse to be circulated to Members.

***C78/02 Developing Better Services:***

The Chief Officer recalled the Minister with responsibility for Health, Social Services and Public Safety Mr Des Browne had said that he would make public any additional information relevant to his forthcoming decision on the Developing Better Services proposal which became available as a result of the analysis of the consultation responses. In keeping with the commitment the Minister has forwarded three documents for the attention of the Council:

1. A letter from the Minister of the Department of Health and Children in Dublin.
2. Average Travel Speeds in Northern Ireland.

### 3. Estimates of Hospital Catchment Populations for Inpatient Activity in Northern Ireland.

Mr Browne asked for the documents to be considered before his anticipated announcement on Developing Better Services on 24 February 2003.

The documents were copied to Members prior to the meeting.

The Chairman asked Members for their responses. Mr Gilgunn and Mr McGowan said irrespective of the additional information that there was an expectation that the standard of hospital services and the quality of care had to improve. Mr McAleer agreed that quality was important and people in the south west must not be left with an inferior level of hospital care. Mrs Quigley stressed there must be no more delays and decisions must be taken. She paid a tribute to the Omagh and Fermanagh communities for the detail of their respective cases. The Chief Officer was asked to submit the Members comments and record that people were consultation weary on the matter. The Chairman highlighted a need to continue to monitor local services in the period leading up to the commissioning of a new south west hospital.

#### ***C07/02 Local Health and Social Care Groups:***

Mr Eugene Gallagher Western Board Head of Primary Care and Family Practitioner Services has written to the Council in response to Mrs Quigley's query on the progress in the establishment of the Northern and Southern Local Health and Social Care Groups in the absence of General Medical Practitioners (GPs). Mr Gallagher has referred to progress on the election of Chairpersons, appointment of Managers, the training and development of members, Group's Investment Plans, the appointment of support staff, the identification of premises and linkages with other networks. The Groups will support a community development approach to needs assessment. Mr Gallagher included a regret that the General Practitioner Committee (NI) feels unable to recommend that GPs join the LHSCGs for the time being. The Board continues to seek the views of GPs on commissioning generally and primary care in particular. Mr Rogan said he hoped to see an early resolution of the GP's difficulties.

#### ***C78/02 Waiting Times for PAMs Services:***

The Chief Officer acknowledged receipt of a schedule of Waiting Lists and Waiting Times of people referred to Professions Allied to Medicine in Foyle Trust. He presented the details to help inform Members in advance of the presentation later in the afternoon on a Review of PAMs Services in the area of the Western Board. Members identified difficulties in relation to "routine" referrals for Occupational Therapy (822) and Podiatry (740). The Members shared a consensus that the outcomes from the Review will be judged on the basis of how the waiting lists will be addressed.

#### **C14/03 Equality and Human Rights Business:**

The Chief Officer reported to the meeting on important aspects of Equality and Human Rights compliance:

- Mr Millar attended a meeting of the Western Equality and Human Rights Forum (WEHRF) on **10 January 2003**.

The Chief Officer expanded on the discussions in order to inform the Members.

- The WEHRF has commissioned the Equality Unit, Central Services Agency to carry out a discrete research project focusing on the implementation of the statutory equality duties within the five WEHRF bodies. It is intended that the exercise will seek to gather and share good practice that is already being undertaken within the bodies as well as putting in place an agenda for future work on the statutory equality duties. The research will be presented to WEHRF by the end of March.
- Work is progressing in the development of an Equality and Human Rights Awareness e-learning programme by Westcare Business Services. The programme should be completed by 31 March 2003 and operational in April.
- The University of Ulster/Sperrin Lakeland Trust have been commissioned to develop an e-learning package. The package will have two components:
  - (1) Briefing materials suitable for distribution to each manager. This material will provide a concise easy to follow guide to key responsibilities under the new legislation.
  - (2) An on-line training package which allows the Board to test and monitor managers' understanding of the application of this legislation.
- The Western Health Action Zone (HAZ) has published a discussion paper on experiences among black and minority ethnic communities in the Western area on accessing public, social and community sectors. The piece of work undertaken by a Consultancy firm includes a review of available research and the canvassing of opinions among black and minority ethnic communities in the Western area. The paper highlights the challenges facing organisations and agencies of how best to plan, deliver and monitor the services they offer in order to ensure an appropriateness to ethnic minority people.

The Chief Officer referred to documents received during the month of January:

1. Equality Commission (NI): Response to proposals for the Special Education Needs and Disability Bill.
2. DHSSPS Equality Directorate: Cross-Departmental Equality and Social Need Research and Information Strategy – Consultation up to 7 March 2002.
3. OFMDFM Research Branch: Schedule of Recent Publications.

Mr Millar said he was pleased as Chairperson of the WEHRF Good Practice Review Steering Group to advise the meeting that the User Involvement Guidelines compiled by the Group were sent out for consultation to Community and Voluntary Groups and HPSS organisations on **20 January 2003**. The guidelines will be circulated to Council Members.

The Chief Officer assured the meeting that Members will continue to enjoy access to all the documents identified and the e-learning programmes.

C15/03 **Trusts' Business:**

1. *Altnagelvin Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust:*

- Minutes of Trust Board meetings held on 7 November 2002 and 5 December 2002 were noted.
- The minutes confirmed that three Consultant Haematologists have taken up their posts.
- The Trust has established a Clinical Governance Committee. The membership of the Committee has been appointed from the Trust Board. The Chief Officer was asked to relay to the Chief Executive the Council's disappointment that independent User representation has not been sought to demonstrate openness and transparency in considering the quality agenda.
- Mr Rogan said he was pleased to accept an invitation to attend a presentation and workshop which examined the Strategic Redevelopment Project following the completion of Phase I and the planning for Stages II and III. The very informative event was held on **14 January 2003**.
- Mrs Devlin and Mr Rogan were present at the Laying of Foundation Stone Ceremony for the new Rehabilitation Unit to replace Spruce House on **31 January 2003**.
- The Chief Officer said he had received a letter from the Trust Chief Executive to explain changes were being made to the configuration of beds across the surgical wards. This will address the Council's concern to see a 7 day opening of the ENT ward.

2. ***Foyle Health and Social Services Trust:***

- Minutes of a Trust Board meeting on 29 November 2002, a special meeting of the Trust Board on 20 December 2002 and an Agenda for a meeting on 3 January 2003 were noted.
- The minutes identified the Trust's intention to undertake extension/modifications projects in Strabane and Limavady Health Centres.

3. ***Sperrin Lakeland Health and Social Care Trust:***

- Minutes of a Trust Board meeting held on **19 December 2002** attended by Mr Andrews and an Agenda for a meeting on 23 January 2003 were noted.
- Copies of the Trust's Core Brief January 2003 were circulated to Members.
- A copy of the Trust Policy and Procedure arrangements for Management of Patients/Clients/Staff with Latex Allergy was acknowledged and provided to Members.

4. ***Belfast City Hospital Health and Social Services Trust:***

- Minutes of a Trust Board meeting held on 29 November 2002 and an Agenda for a meeting on 31 January 2003 were noted.
- A schedule of meetings of the Trust Board during the period up to December 2003 has been received.
- The Trust has provided a supply of new complaints leaflets.

5. ***Green Park Healthcare Trust:***

- Minutes of a Trust Board meeting held on 16 December 2002 and an Agenda for a meeting on 27 January 2003 were noted.

6. ***Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Services Trust:***

- Minutes of a Trust Board meeting held on 28 November 2002 and an Agenda for a meeting on 16 January 2003 were noted.
- The DHSSPS has invited views on whether there is a role for private ambulance operators in Northern Ireland and if so what it could be. The consultation up to 28 February 2003 has been arranged to give further consideration to the increased call for the need for the registration and regulation of private ambulance operators.

C16/03 **Consumer Interests:**

(i) ***Members Issues:***

The Chief Officer was asked to investigate matters raised by Members during the meeting:

***Mrs Quigley:***

To enquire of the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister the opportunities which children in the North West will be given to contribute towards the work of the Children and Young People's Unit in developing the Programme of Government commitment to a Children's Strategy.

To request from Altnagelvin Hospital Trust a Confidential Briefing into the events leading up to the death of Raychel Ferguson.

(ii) ***Review of Services provided by the Professions Allied to Medicine:***

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Mrs Clare McGartland PAMs Commissioner in the Western Board.

Mrs McGartland introduced her presentation by stating the professions formerly collectively known as PAMs will in future be known as Allied Health Professions. The Review which was undertaken by Dr Reg Race of Quality Health was commissioned to answer a series of questions to establish the facts about Service Provision:

Is demand creating shortfalls in provision?

Is work organisation contributing to the delivery of high quality services or is it creating bottlenecks?

What do key stakeholders and users think of the services?

How can the Board lever change through commissioning?

What do the Trusts have to do?

The review consultation was conducted through wide ranging contacts across the area of the Western Board. Meetings, focus groups, and surveys were employed to secure opinions from HPSS staff, Users of services and Housing Executive and Education and Library Board personnel.

Mrs McGartland explained in detail how the consultation process successfully obtained observations on the five questions and overall conclusions were taken from the detailed analysis:

- Services are run by skilled practitioners.
- Services are not based on clinical pathways as few exist.
- Services are under managed. The organisation of clinical activity is historically based and minimises efficiency.
- Services do not have an inspection regime or effective internal targeting and auditing.
- Services have not listened to Users.
- The commissioning factor is poorly developed.
- Reform of services must be a precursor to selective investment.

Mrs McGartland stated that the Allied Health Professions can make a big difference to health outcomes if used properly. The complaints were about the services and very rarely the professionals. She was adamant that there was a need to create a new culture which will be very different to what currently exists. What was required was a modernisation programme rather than simply asking for additional resources.

Mrs McGartland circulated to Members copies of an Action Plan which was compiled following the presentation of the Review Report to the Western Board. The plan identifies who does what, when, and how and which HSS bodies have to co-operate in order to achieve success. Immediate action included accommodation which can be upgraded quickly to improve the working conditions and the provision of appropriate clerical support to release professional time for clinical use.

Mrs McGartland welcomed the nomination of Member Mr Maguire to the Project Team which will drive the implementation of the recommendations. The Chairman invited Members to offer their thoughts on the implementation process.

The Chairman trusted the Review would not follow other studies in earlier years which proved to be only paper exercises. Mrs Quigley welcomed the reference to “a new culture” and sought assurances on the User Involvement. Mr Gilgunn said District Councillors receive complaints galore about services but nothing appears to happen in response. He said people had to wait years and he knew little else but frustration. Mr Gilgunn concluded that the service was a disgrace. He cited a recent example of poor planning when 12 professionals independently visited a home in a rural area to conduct assessments. Mr Andrews pointed to problems over Podiatry sessions which were withdrawn from locations in South Fermanagh.

In response to Members’ concerns the Chief Officer placed a confidence in Dr Race’s track record of following up his work to ensure change is brought about.

The Chairman thanked Mrs McGartland and appreciated Mr Maguire's willingness to contribute to the Project Team.

(iii) *State Pathologists Department – The Way Forward:*

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Fermanagh Undertakers Mr Robinson, Mr Kelly and Mr Blake who wished to listen to the discussion on The Way Forward a consultation document on the State Pathologists Department.

The Chief Officer reported that the Northern Ireland Office Project Co-ordinator Mr Brian Ingram had telephoned the meeting to apologise that he has been delayed on account of a funeral. The meeting accepted Mr Millar's suggestion to proceed and take an initial consideration of the options in the document which was circulated to each Member and the representatives of the Press. The consultation will continue until 30 April 2003.

The Chief Officer placed the document in context by explaining the Northern Ireland Office is conducting a public consultation exercise to establish the most effective and beneficial way for the State Pathologists Department (SPD) to deliver its services in the future.

The key issue for consultation is how best to ensure the maintenance of the current level of service provided by the SPD and in doing so give consideration to:

- New transport arrangements including the provision of drivers for Forensic Pathologists.
- The recruitment of additional Forensic Pathologists.
- The extension of Hospital Pathologist's remit and
- Centralisation of mortuary facilities to meet modern demands.

Mr Millar developed the arguments for and against each of the options and asked the Members for their observations on the proposals.

Mr Andrews asked for a comparison with the service in the ROI which appeared to be based on a State Pathologist Dr Harbnison and the Deputy Dr Cassidy. That service covered a population three times that of Northern Ireland.

Mrs Quigley said that she understood the weekend/bank holiday arrangement of sending bodies to Belfast for Coroner's Post Mortems was only to be a temporary measure. The major shortfall in the proposals was the absence of any attempt to cost the options.

Ms Reilly observed the arguments recorded were weighted towards the conclusions the NIO wished to see submitted.

The Chairman invited Mr Blake to act as spokesman for the Undertakers and offer the meeting their perceptions.

Mr Blake said it was necessary to work through all of the issues. Three groups were involved. Firstly and most important the bereaved and next of kin. Secondly the Police Service and thirdly the Funeral Directors. The documents did not take recognition of the bereaved family. Mr Blake suggested there were unnecessary

Post Mortem examinations being undertaken. The SPD should concentrate its resources on homicides and deaths from road traffic accidents which have legal implications. He proposed that the Hospital Pathologists should perform routine PMs. Following PMs appropriate facilities will have to be provided for embalming bodies prior to transport back to family homes.

Mr Andrews identified several concerns:

1. the extra costs imposed on families as costs paid by the NIO are inadequate.
2. the inconvenience to families in meeting newspaper deadlines for death insertions.
3. inconvenience in families having uncertainties in taking leave from work.
4. a family cannot grieve until a body is returned home.
5. Belfast is not a central location in Northern Ireland.
6. Undertakers will require a guarantee that PMs will be carried out while they wait.
7. added costs to the taxpayers will include:
  - ~ cost of removal and return of body.
  - ~ the cost of police escort of a hearse for a return journey.
  - ~ the cost of PSNI travel and attendance at PMs when Police manpower is stretched.

Mr Rogan thanked the Undertakers for their important contribution to the meeting. A further discussion may be arranged before the end of the consultation period.

The Chairman suggested the document should be placed on the Agenda for the March meeting when it may be possible to learn of the perceptions of the Hospital Pathologists.

#### C17/03 **Correspondence:**

The Chairman invited the Chief Officer to identify key items of correspondence received since the January meeting:

- **DHSSPS (Investing for Health) Consultation Document: A Five Year Home Accident Prevention Strategy and Action Plan and Questionnaire.** The Strategy and Action Plan aims to reduce the number of accidental deaths and serious injuries in the home. It has been developed to support the commitment given in the Programme for Government to promote public safety by reducing the number of injuries and deaths caused by accidents at home, at work and on the road. Comments are invited by 25 April 2003.
- **DHSSPS Consultation Document: The Future of Ophthalmology.** The paper has been produced to complement the Review of Ophthalmology Services conducted by the Regional Medical Services Consortium in 1999. It sets out the future of Ophthalmology within Northern Ireland and recommends the development of two clinical networks to provide a high quality service for all patients. The two Trusts currently providing inpatient services (including

Altnagelvin) should form the central component of each network. Comments are invited by 28 February 2003.

- **DHSSPS Information Release: Northern Ireland Fireworks Injuries 2002.** This statistical release gives details of the number of persons injured by fireworks in the Halloween period of the year 2002. The survey covered a four week period from Tuesday 9 October to Saturday 15 November and covers those injuries treated at A & E Departments and Minor Injuries Units.
- **DHSSPS Social Services Inspectorate/NI Statistics and Research Agency: Key Indicators of Personal Social Services for Northern Ireland 2002.** This is the fifth in an annual series of publications containing statistics on personal social services. The report provides comparative information at Community Trust and Health Board level on the provision of and expenditure on personal social services provided by Community Trusts. It also includes information on the demographic and socio-economic profiles of Trust populations. Accompanying this years publication is a companion leaflet which contains a summary of the tables contained in the main publication along with wider information on population, economic activity, social security, hospitals, and educational attainment.
- **NI Cervical Screening Programme: The NI Guide for General Practitioners and Smear Takers.** When the Information Leaflets were revised by the Programme it was also agreed to develop a letter library for use by general practice staff when communicating with eligible women. The included letters are the result of this work. The Programme advocates the practice that women should receive results of their smear tests communicated to them in writing and using the letters as a template.
- **Northern Ireland Screening Programmes Newsletter: Screening Matters Winter 02/03.** The newsletter contains a report of a mammography mobile screening exercise which was undertaken under New TSN to improve the uptake of the service in the Shantallow locality in Derry City Council area. Copies were circulated to Members.
- **WHSSB: Annual Report of the Western Health and Social Services Board for 2001/2002.** The report can also be viewed via the Website at [www.whssb.org](http://www.whssb.org) Copies of the report were distributed to all Members.

#### C18/03 **Chief Officer's Report:**

The Chief Officer shared brief details of important events he had attended during the month of January 2003.

On **13 January 2003** the HSSCs' Chief Officers met to agree a joint input to a series of Workshops arranged by the DHSSPS on the topic of Clinical and Social Care Governance. The Western Board event held in the Broomhill Hotel on **28 January 2003** when Mr Millar presented the arguments to support the inclusion of User Representation. The Chief Officer said he intends to follow up the event by asking the Western Board and Trusts what plans they hold to ensure Users of services will have places on Clinical and Social Care Governance Committees.

The HSSCs' Chief Officers met Mr John McGrath in Castle Buildings Stormont on **14 January 2003**. The Agenda included The Evolving Role of HSS Councils, Provision of Support Services to Councils, Resources available to Councils, Governance in the HPSS – Risk Management and Regional Issues. Mr McGrath left his position as Director of Planning and Performance Management in DHSSPS since the meeting.

The Chief Officer was present at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the NI Association of Health and Social Services Councils in Belfast on **31 January 2003**. Notes of the discussions will be circulated to Members.

Mr Millar concluded his report with a confirmation that Salaries and Wages and Goods and Services expenditure for the nine months ending 31 December 2002 had been managed within budget projections.

C19/03 **Any Other Business:**

The meeting was advised the Western Board has given a period of notice of 21 months with effect from 1 October 2002 to scale down dispensing by a GP in Florencecourt and Belcoo. A letter has been sent to all relevant patients on the GP's list.

The Chief Officer identified a document published by Mencap/Employers' Forum on Disability as an example of good practice. "Working with people with a Learning Disability – A Guide for Employers" clearly shows that providing training and employment opportunities to people with disabilities would be an important step for any employer. The Guide highlights that appropriate support services are available to assist employers. Members received a copy of the Guide.

Members were asked to consider participating in events during the month of February:

**Date:** 13 February 2003  
**Workshop:** To take forward the Development of a New TSN Action Plan for 2003-2006 (DHSSPS)  
**Venue:** Malone House, Barnetts Demesne, Belfast  
**Nominated:** Mr McGowan

**Date:** 13 February 2003  
**Meeting:** Association of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Western Branch Annual General Meeting  
**Venue:** Gortmore House, Omagh  
**Nominated:** Mr Millar

**Date:** 13 February 2003  
**Meeting:** Fermanagh Housing, Health and Social Care Group for Older People  
**Venue:** NI Housing Executive District Office, Enniskillen  
**Nominated:** Mrs Loughran  
**Date:** 14 February 2003  
**Meeting:** Western Area Alcohol and Drugs Strategy (Mr J Houlahan)  
**Venue:** Foyle Trust Headquarters, Riverside House, Londonderry  
**Nominated:** Mr Millar

**Date:** 17 February 2003  
**Meeting:** Regional Sub Fertility Services  
**Venue:** Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast  
**Nominated:** Mr Millar

**Date:** 19 February 2003  
**Confidential Briefing:** The events leading up to the death of Raychel Ferguson  
**Venue:** Board Room, Trust Headquarters, Altnagelvin Area Hospital  
**Nominated:** Mr Rogan Mrs Hamilton Mrs Quigley Mrs Robson  
 Mr Friel Mr Page Mr Millar

**Date:** 20 February 2003  
**Re-opening:** Dedicated Elective Surgical Unit  
**Venue:** Altnagelvin Area Hospital  
**Nominated:** Mr Rogan

**Date:** 20 February 2003  
**Launch:** Regional Guidelines on Breaking Bad News (DHSSPS)  
**Venue:** Malone House, Barnetts Demesne, Belfast  
**Nominated:** Mr Millar

**Date:** 20 February 2003  
**Seminar:** Office of Fair Trading Report on the control of entry regulations and Retail Pharmacy Services in the UK (DHSSPS)  
**Venue:** The Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick  
**Nominated:** Mr Gilgunn

**Date:** 20 February 2003  
**Meeting:** Investing for Health (WHSSB)  
**Venue:** Mellon Country Inn, Omagh  
**Nominated:** Ms Reilly Ms Quigley

**Date:** 20 February 2003  
**Meeting:** Sperrin Lakeland Trust Clinical and Social Care Governance Committee  
**Venue:** Library Headquarters, Omagh  
**Nominated:** Mr Andrews

**Date:** 21 February 2003  
**Opening:** Foyle Daycare Crèche  
**Venue:** Multi Disciplinary Education Centre, Altnagelvin Area Hospital  
**Nominated:** Mrs Hamilton

**Date:** 21 February 2003  
**Meeting:** Governance and Risk Management Committee (WHSSB)  
**Venue:** Conference Room, Hilltop, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital, Omagh  
**Nominated:** Mr Millar

**Date:** 24 February 2003  
**Consultation:** Review of Mental Health Services  
**Venue:** Conference Room, Hilltop, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital, Omagh  
**Nominated:** Ms Reilly

**Date:** 24 February 2003  
**Announcement:** Developing Better Services  
**Venue:** Odyssey Arena, Belfast  
**Nominated:** Mr Millar

**Date:** 25 February 2003  
**Meeting:** Western Equality and Human Rights Forum (WEHRF)  
**Venue:** The Training Room Westcare, Gransha Park, Londonderry  
**Nominated:** Mr Millar

**Date:** 25 February 2003  
**Seminar:** The Role of Complementary Therapies in Cancer Care  
**Venue:** Action Cancer House, Marlborough Park, Belfast  
**Nominated:** Mrs Devlin

**Date:** 28 February 2003  
**Lecture:** "Suicide – The National Confidential Inquiry and Strategy for Suicide Prevention"  
**Venue:** Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast  
**Nominated:** Ms Reilly

**Date:** 28 February 2003  
**Meeting:** Allied Health Professionals Review (Quality Health)  
**Venue:** Lecture Room, Post Graduate Centre, Tyrone County Hospital  
**Nominated:** Mr Maguire

**Date:** 4 March 2003  
**Meeting:** Omagh Day Care Services (Blind Centre for NI)  
**Venue:** Conference Room, Hilltop, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital, Omagh  
**Nominated:** Mr Millar

**Date:** 4 March 2003  
**Meeting:** Alzheimer's Society Annual General Meeting  
**Venue:** Seminar Room, Post Graduate Centre, Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh  
**Nominated:** Mr Millar

**Date:** 5 March 2003  
**Conference:** Measuring Equality under the Good Friday Agreement  
**Venue:** The Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings, Belfast  
**Nominated:** Mr Gilgunn

C20/03 **Next Meeting:**

The Chairman accepted an invitation from Mr Coyle to hold the March meeting in Limavady Borough Council Offices.

**Date:** 6 March 2003  
**Time:** 2.00pm  
**Venue:** The Training Room  
Limavady Borough Council Offices  
Connell Street

Limavady

**The meeting ended at 5.07pm**