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Dear Colleague

REGIONAL CANCER SERVICES FRAMEWORK

Introduction

I am writing to inform you that a Regional Cancer Services Framework Steering Group has been established to consider the ongoing development of cancer services and to build on the significant progress we have already achieved through the implementation of the Campbell Report "Cancer Services – Investing for the Future" and the Palliative Care Report "Partnerships in Caring".

Remit

Last year, the then Minister, Des Browne, agreed that a Cancer Services Framework should be developed for Northern Ireland. The Framework will consider the development of cancer services over the next 20 years with the aim of providing a cohesive structure for the provision of a uniformly high standard of care for people of all ages with cancer. In particular, the project will: -

- Review the current services and achievements since the publication of the Campbell Report "Cancer Services – Investing for the Future" and the Palliative Care Report "Partnerships in Caring";

- Assess the level of future need, taking account of changing patterns of cancer and demographic and social trends;
- Review the potential for prevention and early detection and develop recommendations for cancer screening programmes and other prevention initiatives;
- Identify key issues in service modernisation, workforce development and skill-mix and the associated education and training implications.
- Develop recommendations for improving the quality and accessibility of cancer services in primary, secondary, tertiary and community care, in the light of emerging research, new treatments and technologies, and the impact of policy changes, and best practice elsewhere;
- Undertake the work in accordance with the principles in the Campbell Report “Cancer Services – Investing for the Future”, the Palliative Care Report “Partnerships in Caring” and “Developing Better Services – Modernising Hospitals and Reforming Structures”; and
- To produce an interim report by 31 May 2004 and a final report by 31 December 2004, making recommendations for a programme of action for cancer services up to 2008; outline recommendations for the development of cancer services up to 2015; and for the strategic direction of cancer services up to 2024.

Membership

I will be chairing the Steering Group, which comprises the following members:

Hazel Baird, Executive Director of Nursing, Homefirst HSS Trust
 Gerard Daly, Lead Cancer Clinician, NICaN
 Dermott Davison, Lead General Practitioner, NICaN
 Brian Garrett, Patient Representative
 Andrew Hamilton, Deputy Secretary, DHSS&PS
 Liz Henderson, Lead Cancer Nurse, NICaN
 Judith Hill, Chief Nursing Officer, DHSS&PS
 Russell Houston, Clinical Director, Belfast City Hospital HSS Trust
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 Patrick Johnston, Professor of Oncology, Queen’s University, Belfast
 Stuart MacDonnell, Chief Executive, Northern HSS Board
 Bill McConnell, Director of Public Health, Western HSS Board
 Pat McGreevy, Patient Representative
 Anne Marie Telford, Director of Public Health, Southern HSS Board
 John Templeton, Chief Executive, Craigavon Area Hospital Trust.

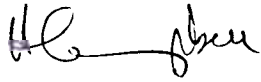
Project Team

The Steering Group is to be assisted by a Project Team, led by Dr Bill McConnell, and comprising membership from within the Department, with input from other key interests in the HSS Boards, HSS Trusts and Agencies as appropriate.

Action

You are asked to inform relevant staff about the establishment of the Regional Cancer Services Framework Steering Group, which held its first meeting on 27 January 2004.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Campbell', written in a cursive style.

**H Campbell (Dr)
Chief Medical Officer**