

**WHERE ARE WE NOW IN  
PATHOLOGY?**

**A PROVIDERS PERSPECTIVE**

# WHY CHANGE?

\* INEVITABLE

\* OFTEN FOR THE BETTER

\* MINIMAL                      comfortable                      ? benefit

\* RADICAL                      confrontational                      theory/economy driven  
quality service delivery  
can be necessary

\* BALANCED                      co-operative                      managed  
evolves  
old and new

# WHY CHANGE?

- \* CANCER CENTRE/UNITS
  - CALMAN HINE REPORT 1995
  - CAMPBELL REPORT 1996. CANCER SERVICES INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE.
- \* N.I. ASSEMBLY
  - SIXTH REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE - PATHOLOGY LABORATORIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND. MARCH 2002.
- \* MODERNISATION OF PATHOLOGY SERVICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND : A SCOPING STUDY. DHSSPS (FEBRUARY 2002 et seq.,).
- \* PATHOLOGY - THE ESSENTIAL SERVICE. DRAFT GUIDANCE ON MODERNISING PATHOLOGY SERVICES. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. JUNE 2002.
- \* DEVELOPING BETTER SERVICES - MODERNISING HOSPITALS AND REFORMING STRUCTURES. DHSSPS. JUNE 2002/JANUARY 2003 (HAYES II).
- \* PATHOLOGY SERVICES REVIEW 2004

# LABORATORY MEDICINE DIRECTORS FORUM

- \* January 2002
- \* 2 -3 monthly
- \* 10 meetings to date
- \* venues rotated
- \* representation ensured (lead/deputy)
- \* e-mail network (agenda/minutes/documents)

## PATHOLOGY SERVICES MANAGERS FORUM

- under the direction of the Directors Forum
- to support and help develop the business of the Directors Forum

# LABORATORY MEDICINE DIRECTORS FORUM

WHSSB                      Altnagelvin

SHSSB                      CAH

NHSSB                      UHT  
Causeway

EHSSB                      BLL  
UHD (Greenpark)  
MIH

NIBTS

DHSSPS

PATHOLOGY SERVICES MANAGERS CHAIR

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## \* RESPONSES

- DEVELOPING BETTER SERVICES - MODERNISING HOSPITALS AND REFORMING STRUCTURES 2002.
- WORKFORCE PLANNING REVIEW - TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC STAFF GROUPS (DHSSPS/Deloitte Touche 2002).
- MODERNISATION OF PATHOLOGY SERVICES IN N. IRELAND : A SCOPING STUDY 2002 et seq.,
- HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN NORTHERN IRELAND. DEVELOPING A REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES 2002-2022.
- REVIEW OF CLINICAL GENETIC SERVICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND
- STATE PATHOLOGISTS DEPARTMENT - THE WAY FORWARD.

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## \* DISCUSSION TOPICS

- INTERIM GUIDANCE ON USE OF HUMAN ORGANS AND TISSUE
- HUMAN TISSUE BILL                      CONSENT FOR POST MORTEMS/  
USE OF SURGICAL TISSUES
- EU DIRECTIVE ON IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES
- RCPATH: WHO CAN REQUEST A TEST?
- PATHOLOGIST COVER

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## LINKS

- SACPATH
- LABSAC
- RCPATH REGIONAL COUNCIL/USP
- CLINICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT CENTRE
- OTHER NETWORK GROUPS

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## PROJECTS

- POCT
- IT TP/NTP
- BENCHMARK LAB COSTS (DHSSPS)
- QUALITY Q pulse/training/manager

# LABORATORY MEDICINE DIRECTORS FORUM

## - STANDARDISATION IN CLINICAL CHEMISTRY

laboratory handbook

on-call repertoire

reference ranges

phoning results

analytical profiles

cross cover arrangements

SOPs

COSHH evaluations

common purchasing

# PATHOLOGY SERVICES MANAGERS FORUM

\* POCT

\* IT

\* DEMAND CONTROL

\* COSTINGS

\* EQUIPMENT PURCHASING

\* STAFFING

Pay and conditions

On-call

Working Time Directive

Agenda For Change

## WHAT NEXT?

- \* PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

- repertoires
- profiles
- protocols
- audit/governance

- \* MANAGERIAL NETWORKS

- terms and conditions
- purchasing
- equipment
- facilities

- \* ORGANISATIONAL

# WHAT NEXT?

- \* ORGANISATIONAL

- NO GOING BACK

- VOLUNTARY CO-OPERATIVE OF INDEPENDENT LAB SERVICES

- INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

- PATHOLOGY, INC.

- \* YOUR VIEW