




Developing Better Services - An Update



Dean Sullivan, Director of Secondary Care,
DHSSPS



Agenda...

- Background
 - New hospital configuration
 - Board strategic contexts
 - Implementation structures
 - Next steps
 - Key issues in context of pathology review
- 

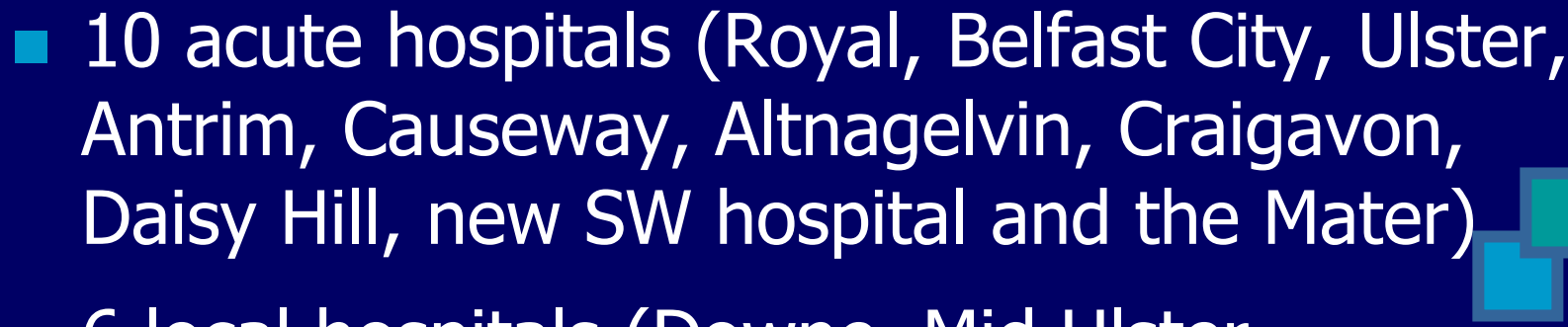


Background...

- Des Browne announced his decisions on *DBS* in February 2003:
 - network of acute and local hospitals
 - significant capital investment
 - significant staffing increases




New hospital configuration...

- 10 acute hospitals (Royal, Belfast City, Ulster, Antrim, Causeway, Altnagelvin, Craigavon, Daisy Hill, new SW hospital and the Mater)
 - 6 local hospitals (Downe, Mid Ulster, Whiteabbey, Lagan Valley, South Tyrone, Omagh)
- 




Board Strategic Contexts...

- Minister wrote to the four Board Chief Executives in May 2003, asking for strategic contexts for taking forward DBS implementation in their respective areas
 - Board strategic contexts were finalised and submitted to the Department in January 2004
- 




Implementation structures...

- Regional Steering Group
 - Area Programme Boards
 - Local Project Teams
- 



Next steps...

- Preparation of Regional Implementation Plan
 - Taking forward of key projects:
 - capital
 - other
- 



Key issues in context of pathology review...

- What is the nature of the clinical pathology services required by the new configuration of acute and local hospitals?
- How can these needs be met as economically, efficiently and effectively as possible?