

## **Privacy Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference (July 2006)**

The NI Privacy Advisory Committee (PAC) has the following ongoing responsibilities:

- To oversee the implementation of the recommendations agreed by Minister on protecting personal information;
- To manage a Project Team to complete a Programme of Work to give effect to the recommendations agreed by Minister;
- To report regularly to the Department on progress on implementing the recommendations;
- To keep consent and confidentiality matters in HPSS under continuous review and to provide timely and relevant best practice advice to HPSS bodies; and
- To consider current and new uses to which personal information is put in HPSS bodies and to authorise such uses of personal information taking particular account of the legal and ethical issues surrounding privacy and confidentiality.

The PAC shall have a Chairperson appointed by the Department and shall have such members as agreed with the Department as necessary to carry out its responsibilities listed above. The members of the PAC shall be drawn from a wide range of individuals including health and care professionals and service users. A secretariat shall provide administrative support to the PAC.

A Project Team shall be established to devise and complete a Programme of Work, which will be agreed and managed by the PAC and will give effect to the recommendations agreed by Minister.