The meeting opened with a presentation by CHKS which is attached to this note setting out the progress in the analysis since the last meeting. The results of the work to date demonstrates performance issues that can be addressed in the short term to improve efficiency as well as information pertinent to the modernisation programme. One element of particular concern was the impact on efficiency of poor quality and late coding, it was agreed that this issue must be addressed in the short term.
Early in 2004 the work will be updated to reflect the 2002/03 activity, bed number changes since 01/02 and changes in the population data. Once the updating is complete the analysis can then be tested out and validated. A series of questions will be devised and circulated with the data along with 3/4 specialty level scenarios for review by small specialty groups. These questions will demonstrate how sensitive the data are. CHKS and Catriona Renfrew will generate scenario propositions.

Action: Catriona Renfrew/ CHKS

Next steps
A process of establishing detailed clinical models was previously circulated to the members of the group. Nominations are still outstanding from the North with a few also awaited from the South.

Action: North and South Trusts
It was agreed to establish these groups where required but also to review the potential for maximising the use of existing groups. Where it is necessary to create a new group a short life series of 2-3 events will be planned. Leads will be nominated and a process set out to release sessions where required.

Action: Brain Cowan/ Catriona Renfrew

Date of next meeting
A matrix of potential dates will be circulated in the next couple of weeks.