

# 11. Pathology

## Mortality and morbidity meetings

In the previous chapter it is noted that pathologists comprise only 1% (2/202) of the health professionals attending mortality and morbidity meetings. Whilst the majority of ICU deaths are not autopsied (84%), and therefore the pathologist's presence may not be of assistance, this low figure suggests that they are not invited to the meetings, or that they cannot attend for reasons of timing. The advisors' experience of such meetings is that they stimulate discussion of remediable factors and the pathologist's contribution is valued.