

<u>Waiting list management</u>	ACTION
<p>Lesley drew to the attention of the meeting that an offer of £127,000 had been made by BDHA to ensure a maximum waiting time for all their patients of 10 months, by April 1995.</p> <p>The Board agreed that she should put together a proposal for BDHA's approval. The Avon GP fundholding group has also approached cardiac surgery about purchasing extra activity, but this would be discussed with individual practices.</p> <p>Waiting time management was becoming increasingly difficult and complex with different waiting times being agreed with some purchasers. Financial penalties were also beginning to be imposed; £3,000 for any South &amp; West patient waiting over 12 months and 20% of the procedure price for any Somerset patient waiting over 6 months.</p> <p>The South &amp; West Region definition of a long waiter would reduce to 10 months next April, adding to the pressure.</p>	
<p><u>Paediatric Surgery move</u></p> <p>Although separate parts of the service, eg anaesthesia, nursing and perfusion, were meeting to plan their move, the Management Board felt that a Steering Group should be formed as quickly as possible in order to co-ordinate the process and agree a timescale.</p> <p>It was agreed that cardiac surgery would make arrangements and that the Bristol Children's Hospital would be approached about their involvement.</p>	
<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>Professor Vann Jones noted that Lesley Salmon would be leaving her post as general manager at the end of this month, and thanked her on behalf of the Management Board for her work with the Directorate.</p>	
<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Monday, 24 October 1994</p>	