

Discuss with M.S.

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Subject: Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery Services for Wales

I am advised that the Welsh Office is meeting with Health Authorities in South Wales to discuss cardiac services on the 30th of this month.

It would be helpful if I could brief Dr Skone from South Glamorgan Health Authority who will be attending the meeting on the volume of the service that we can generate realistically from Bristol phased, if necessary, over a number of years as our facilities build up.

Marion Stoneham, Graham Nix and Hymie Joffe have all indicated their intent to work up this information, but I realise they have competing claims on their time. I would be grateful to be advised if some estimate of our future position could be available during the week beginning 21 September.

Quite separately, I have received a request from Dr Skone of South Glamorgan Health Authority to undertake 50 coronary by-pass procedures for patients from their Health Authority. I am aware that our own services have been slowed by the absence of James Wishart recently, but I realise also that we are trying to progress some cases from our waiting list through facilities in London. Can you advise me whether you wish to entertain any number of these adult cases from South Glamorgan.

Regarding our waiting list initiative, I did write to Gerald Keen indicating that he maximises the flow of patients to London during James Wishart's absence. He has replied indicating that he himself has a very short waiting list, that Mr Dashmana has referred nine cases, and they await James Wishart's return for cases to be progressed from his waiting list.

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cc: Miss M Stoneham
