

2 Harefield Hospital. Harefield operated on 50, 64 and 56 neonates and infants in 1989, 1990 and 1991, giving them 11th, 12th and 12th position in the league tables which also included figures from Leicester and Oxford for this part of the survey. The previous working party only recommended that Harefield be included as a designated Centre in its own right as a temporary expedient and until Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub took up his Chair at the Royal National and Brompton Hospitals, when the two Units would combine, either sharing "single funding", or would become recognised as a single Centre.

We now recommend that this should happen and suggest that the following options are available to Harefield:

- a) Amalgamation with the Royal National Heart and Brompton Hospital sharing Supra Regional funding as a single Unit.
- b) Maintaining the same surgical activity at Harefield but obtaining a proportion of money from the Royal National and Brompton Hospital in support of its continuing activity.
- c) Continuing cardiac surgical activity for Neonates and Infants at Harefield without separate Supra Regional funding.

3 Guy's Hospital. Neonates and infants undergoing cardiac surgery (open and closed) in 1989, '90 and '91 totalled 78, 75 and 64, which gave them league sequence places of 8th, 10th and 11th and an overall 3 year league position (Table 7) of 10th. Although non-invasive work is practised at a high level in this Unit (as is the case in some other Centres), this is not included in our present deliberations, as such activity is usually considered under Cardiology.

We recommend that Guy's should either seek amalgamation with one of the larger Centres in London, forming a single recognised Supra Regional Unit for Neonatal and Infant Cardiac Surgery, or that they should lose such recognition and continue to develop their work in this area as a Trust Unit along with their adult cardiac surgical practice.

4 We recommend that 9 Centres now be recognised for Supra Regional designation and funding, viz Table 7 (Top left hand Table) are: Great Ormond Street, Birmingham, Liverpool, Leeds, Wessex, The Royal National and Brompton Hospital, Bristol, Newcastle and Leicester.

5 Leicester. We have considered the submission from Leicester, requesting Supra Regional designation carefully. Their increasing activity in this area during the past few years now places them 8 = in the league sequence Table (7) and above