

Under Secretary of State on NHS responsibilities for meeting continuing health care but full guidance had not been received. Health Authorities must plan and place contracts to meet the full range of needs described in the guidance by April 1996.

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Liaison Committee with Frenchay - Joint meetings have been held between UBHT and Frenchay. Plans for joint training were working well, as were arrangements for rotation of posts in nursing between the two Trusts, but to date there had not been much progress on information technology, waste disposal etc. There had been increasing discussion on the possibility of UBHT and Frenchay setting up an independent supplies organisation, possibly in conjunction with Weston Area Health Trust. A year's notice would be given to NHS supplies organisation to allow Mr Chris Smith, Commercial Director, to lead a fully costed option appraisal, details of which would be reported at the September meeting of the Trust Board. There had been areas of co-operation between the Medical Illustration and Training Departments of the two Trusts.

d) Dr Roylance reminded the Board that he would be on three weeks' leave in Australia from the coming weekend.

e) Paediatric Cardiac Surgery. Mr Marc de Leval, Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon and Dr Stewart Hunter, Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist, had visited UBHT and would produce a report on Paediatric Cardiac Surgery. In the interim Paediatric Cardiac Surgery is not undertaking the switch operation on Neonates. Dr Graham Winyard, Medical Director, NHS Executive had been supportive. Mr Wisheart would review the contents of the report with Dr John Vann-Jones and Dr Hyam Joffe and would have discussion with Dr Winyard. He would then report to Mr McKinlay.

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MINUTES

a) The notes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 9 December 1994 were approved by the Board and signed by the Chairman.

b) The notes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 18 January 1995 were approved by the Board and signed by the Chairman.

c) The minutes of the Public Meeting of the Trust Board held on 18 January 1995 were approved by the Board and signed by the Chairman.

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FINANCE REPORT

a) Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST) - Mr Nix highlighted the fact that clinical negligence claims prior to 1 April 1991 have been the financial responsibility of the health authority who hold substantial reserves to cover the costs. UBHT is responsible for all medical negligence claims arising since 1 April 1991. The NHS Executive is currently considering covering claims between 1 April 1991 and 31 March 1995 but this would only be the case if Trusts agreed to participate in the Clinical Negligence Scheme.