

RMO was of the highest standard. It was agreed that the contract would proceed but at the review period if things are still not working satisfactorily it will be discontinued.

6. Information Package

i Contracts

RCF has no information on contracts as the figures are unavailable until next week. Monthly targets will be out by end of next week.

ii Finance

Also no financial information until June 12. Last year's underspend has been carried forward.

7. Sisters Away Day

RCF explained how and why the Sisters Away Day had been arranged and outlined the issues that were of interest to the whole Associate Directorate:

- **Medical Staff Induction and Handbook**

Ways of facilitating an improved induction programme were discussed. Dr S Prynne will redraft the SHO's handbook. Prof G Angelini commented that the cardiac surgery unit has never recognised the need for a resident registrar, and this was supported by Dr C Monk. It was agreed that Surgeons need to reconsider the medical staffing issues and report back to the next Associate Directorate.

Mr J Dhasmana commented that there is a lack of overnight accommodation facilities on the unit.

- **Management of Patients in ITU**

The issue of the management of the patient on ITU was debated and it was agreed that this would also be debated by a group consisting of Surgeon/Anaesthetist, Nurse Manager: an Intensivist 5 days per week may be the best way forward.

8. Pooled Waiting Lists

Not discussed.

9. Report from Cardiac Services Director

Nothing to report.

10. Speciality Reports

- **Perfusion**

- Anaesthesia

Theatre cover at weekend and out of hours discussed, when paediatric cardiac surgery at BCH. Anaesthetic cover 24 hours Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. At weekend present on call situation continues. Therefore only 1 cardiac theatre either at the BRI or BCH will be available at one time.