

**CARDIAC SERVICES MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 1994

**PRESENT:** Prof Van Jones, Dr Pitts Crick, Dr Underwood, Colin Hawkins, Lesley Salmon, Margaret Maisey.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Dr P Wilde

2. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a satisfactory record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Nil

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

At year end '93/'94 there was a total overspend for cardiac services of £40,000, but an income of £150,000 was also achieved, so that overall the financial situation was very healthy.

For the coming financial year '94/'95 cardiac services would be expected to achieve a cost improvement target of £65,000.

There would be some difficulty in defining the budgetary split with the surgical directorate, but the increase in contracts for the coming year would clearly have to be funded.

Prof Vann Jones commented to Mrs Maisey that in view of the income achieved during this year we would wish to see a stronger relationship between budget and income demonstrated in the next financial year, including a carry forward of some of our overspend.

4. **CONTRACT REPORT**

Cardiology have overperformed on most contracts this year, earning extra variable income. Performance for BDHA was about break even, including the W.L.I. activity. The only real exceptions were for Exeter / N.Devon and Torbay / Plymouth where the purchasers were pulling the work out of Bristol.

Prof Vann Jones stated that Southmead were planning to open their own catheter lab and wondered if this would pose a threat?. BDHA showed no signs of wanting to change the contractual arrangement, but they may be looking to attract work from outside Avon.

Cardiac Surgery again had overperformed on most contracts (again variable) but were slightly under target for Bath, Somerset, ECR's and under One's.

Sue Underwood felt the reduction in under One's could be a cause for concern. Dr Pitts Crick asked if we were viewed as a serious paediatric centre and if there were plans to recruit a paediatric surgeon. Lesley Salmon replied that it was one option being considered.

In 1994/95 the contracts - particularly for BDHA were to increase by approx. 50 operations, although with the increase in GPFH's and variable contracts, the figures