

CARDIAC SERVICES MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 25 October 1993

PRESENT: Professor J Vann-Jones, Dr Wilde, Dr Underwood, Dr Pitts-Crick, Mr D Bodill,
Miss L Salmon, Ms J Maher, Mr J Dhasmana

APOLOGIES: None received

Professor Vann-Jones welcomed the members to the inaugural meeting of the Management Board.

ACTION

1. Group Membership

The membership was felt to be correct at present, recognising that it could change if required in the future. The Managers for Anaesthesia or Radiology would be invited to attend on occasion if appropriate.

2. Aims & Objectives of the Group

Professor Vann-Jones stated that the new Directorate must aim for a quality service, particularly where increased quantity was not an option for the future.

The importance of cardiology maintaining a good emergency service for outlying purchasers and cardiac surgery streamlining the care of urgent patients waiting in inpatient beds could not be over-emphasised. The Group identified several aims for the service as a whole.

Janet Maher said we must be careful in wording these and recognise that we cannot necessarily have the same aims for all purchasers.

Peter Wilde said that the Board must be prepared to look at both professional and political issues and to take a view on both.

The aims were agreed as:

- i. To set realistic goals for any increase in the workload of both departments, and to work with purchasers in agreeing the level of service they wish to be provided for the populations we serve.
- ii. To address the areas of interface, and particularly where there are problems, between Cardiology, CCU and Cardiac Surgery.
Mr Dhasmana stated that we must work together on issues and not find ourselves in opposition in order to make progress.
- iii. To address the quality issues in both specialties, and particularly that of waiting times.