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APPENDIX 1

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South Western Regional Health Authority

PROGRESS REPORT ON OPEN CARDIAC SURGERY/CARDIOLOGY IN THE REGION

1. Proposed Increase to 600 Operations per annum - Regional Working Party's Third Report
 - 1.1 Members of the former Strategic Planning Working Party will recall on 11th November 1985 noting the present position concerning the proposed Conversion Options for providing 600 operations a year in Bristol and agreeing that:-
 - Detailed planning should proceed on the basis of Option A, which could provide an enlarged cardiac surgery unit within 18 months of a complete brief being passed to the Design Team (the preparation of the brief itself would take approximately 3 months). The Option incorporated the development of the proposed gynaecology block adjacent to Bristol Maternity Hospital.
 - This Option would be submitted to the Working Party for formal consideration and approval once detailed costings had been completed and agreement reached with the District on how the gynaecology block was to be brought forward in the Capital Programme (funding for this scheme was not available in the (District's) current programme until 1992/93 - 1994/95).
 - Detailed examination of this option would include investigating the feasibility of a further expansion scheme to enable the unit to attain a level of 750/800 operations a year. It should be demonstrated that the present Option would not compromise future expansion of the unit and that long term proposals were not being sacrificed to short term expediency.
 - The wider issue of the overall provision of cardiac surgery services in the Region was included in the current review of acute services.
 - 1.2 Arising from a further series of Regional/District Working Party meetings during the past three months a more detailed brief has now been prepared for the Option A package scheme including the gynaecology enabling scheme.
 - 1.3 The order of cost of Option A based on the latest (second) revision of the functional content amounts to £5.45m or an increase of £0.70 m compared with the cost reported to the Working Party on 11th November 1985. However, Members will wish to note that this figure (£5.45m) represents a reduction of £0.823m when compared with the first revision order of cost reported to the Project Team on 20th January 1986.