

BRISTOL AND WESTON HEALTH AUTHORITY

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From

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To

Mr. G. Nix,
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Our Ref. JCG/CMN

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EXPANSION OF CARDIAC SURGERY FACILITIES

I am writing to confirm our conversations of this morning regarding the staff requirements for Cardiac Surgery.

(a) Increase from 480 cases to 534 in the current year

The request for increased staff is based on the need to fully staff the Intensive Care Unit and High Dependency Unit throughout the week, day and night. This has been calculated to require an extra 10 WTE's, The breakdown being:

6 Staff Nurses
4 Enrolled Nurses

(b) Increase to 675 cases

Since the initial costing work and the increase to 600 took place, the distribution of the beds has been changed to Intensive Care Unit 8 beds, High Dependency Unit 7 beds. This therefore requires a reassessment of the staffing need, bearing in mind also the experience gained within this last year.

It is obvious that the Unit will need to be staffed equally day and night throughout the week and the decision to transfer High Dependency children into the paediatric area of the ward rather than into the general High Dependency Unit will affect the staffing requirement. The requirement for staff therefore is a total of 79.5 WTE's, the breakdown being:

8.00 WTE	Sisters	} 79.5 WTE'S
45.00 WTE	Staff Nurses	
18.5 WTE	Enrolled Nurses	
8.00 WTE	Nursing Auxiliaries	

(c) Increase in Cardiac Surgery and Cardiology, Anaesthetic Dept. Secretaries

Due to the expansion of these 2 specialties, 2 full-time Anaesthetists have been appointed in the last 2 years to cover Cardiac Surgery and Paediatrics. There has been no additional secretarial services provided in the Anaesthetics Department and with the impending appointment of another full-time Cardiac Anaesthetist later this year, we now feel it is essential to increase the secretarial service to the Anaesthetics Department by the appointment of a 0.75 WTE.

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