

3. STATEMENT OF NEED

3.1 Referral Pattern of Patients in the South Western Region during 1983/84

The following flow chart indicates the referral pattern for Cardiological Investigation and Cardiac Surgery within the Region and outside to London Hospitals. The volume of flow is depicted by the thickness of the lines. Follow up mirrors this pattern very closely. Although 200 patients are operated on in London many will be followed up in the Region.

