

2.3. From paragraph 12:-

- (a) In view of the absence of the cardiologists their views should be sought by referral to Chairman of the Cardiology Sub-Committee asking for a reply by the end of February.
- (b) The debate would be pursued by the R.H.A. with a report on the increase to 600 and the implications for funding for consideration by District Health Authorities.
- (c) Bristol & Weston Health Authority will examine the implications of retaining for treatment in Bristol some of those patients currently referred on to London.
- (d) Because of the existing referral patterns, devising a funding mechanism is difficult as there is no equitable and readily transferable system. Costings may have to be recalculated on a speciality basis as the present costings may not reflect the true mix, although it was felt that the present composition was probably correct. The growth area is expected to be coronary artery by-pass grafting.

4. Role of the Private Sector

4.1. The role of the private sector, particularly The Glen, was discussed. A number of questions arose:-

- (a) Should a surgery service be "bought in" as a short term measure to enable the number of operations to be raised in the period up to the commencement of the increased B.R.I. facility (i.e. October 1986 (opening of the Glen) to 1988)?
- (b) If so, how would this facility be financed?
- (c) And, how would the waiting list be operated to decide who used the private facilities?
- (d) Should the Glen's facilities be used on a quid pro quo basis, the Glen already having enquired as to availability/cost of cardiac catheterisation laboratory facilities or should their use of our facilities be used to reduce costs overall by charging?
- (e) How will the Glen's activities affect the B.R.I.'s capabilities, i.e. will it attract present B.R.I. staff or make recruitment for the expanded service more difficult?
- (f) Is it practicable for the B.R.I.'s investigation facility to cope with extra work from The Glen? If it can not, this may prevent The Glen from undertaking any cardiac surgery.

4.2. The question of using The Glen's facilities should be referred to a private meeting of the R.H.A.