

(g) Renal unit

A link is desirable. Both Exeter and Plymouth have one.

(h) Neurosurgery and neurology

Links are highly desirable. Plymouth has both, Exeter only has neurology.

(i) Vascular surgery

Plymouth has a vascular surgery service provided by two vascular surgeons. This unit has wide experience in dealing with atherosclerotic disease and will provide a complementary service for cardiac surgeons dealing with atherosclerotic coronary artery disease. In this way a balanced approach is possible for the increasingly common finding of patients suffering from both cardiac and peripheral atherosclerosis. One of the vascular surgeons has also had previous experience in open heart surgery.

4.6 Conclusion

On balance Plymouth can be seen to be more favourably placed to provide cardiac surgery.

5. OPTIONS FOR CARDIAC SURGERY IN PLYMOUTH

5.1 Unit to open in 1988 on level 4 at Derriford Hospital, with a single theatre, starting with 250 cases annually and increasing quickly to 400 cases annually:

(a) to extend to 600-800 cases annually later in an adjacent area and with the provision of twin theatres;

(b) to extend to 600-800 cases annually later in a purpose-built unit in a separate area;

(c) to continue to do 400 cases annually indefinitely.

5.2 Unit to open in 1988 on level 8 at Derriford Hospital, with twin theatres, starting with 250 cases annually and increasing quickly to 600-800 cases annually.

5.3 A purpose-built unit to be provided as soon as possible designed for 600-800 cases annually.

5.4 No provision in Plymouth until 1992/3 when a purpose-built unit will be provided for up to 600-800 cases annually.

5.5 No unit to be provided in Plymouth. Other centres to be used long term.

5.6 There is no intention to provide paediatric cardiac surgery in Plymouth and it is expected that all such cases will continue to use Bristol, Southampton and London as at present.