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1.	Director of Nursing	—	Ms. Nora Fitzpatrick
	Asst. Director of Nursing	—	Ms. Catherine Marah
	Manager	—	Mr. John Hempenstall
	Engineering Officer	—	Mr. Michael Kinsella
Medical			
	Dr. John Keating		Dr. Truls Christiansen
	Dr. Vincent Pippet		Dr. Colin Power
	Dr. Nicholas Byrne		Dr. Neil Golden
			Dr. Mary Flynn

2. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

<u>Bed Complement</u>	30	Day Places 25
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Admissions	72	75
Discharges	57	56
Deaths	12	19
Bed Days	9,759	10,131
Bed Occupancy Rate	90%	93%

At present there are 30 patients in the Hospital, 10 male and 20 female

<u>Age Breakdown</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
40 - 50	—	1
50 - 60	—	—
60 - 70	—	—
70 - 80	3	4
80 - 90	5	7
90 - 100	2	8
	10	20

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Dependency Level of Patients

Of the 30 patients in residence:-

- 13 are Doubly Incontinent
- 8 are Singly Incontinent
- 10 must be fed by staff
- 13 can eat with Supervision
- 7 can feed themselves

Mobility

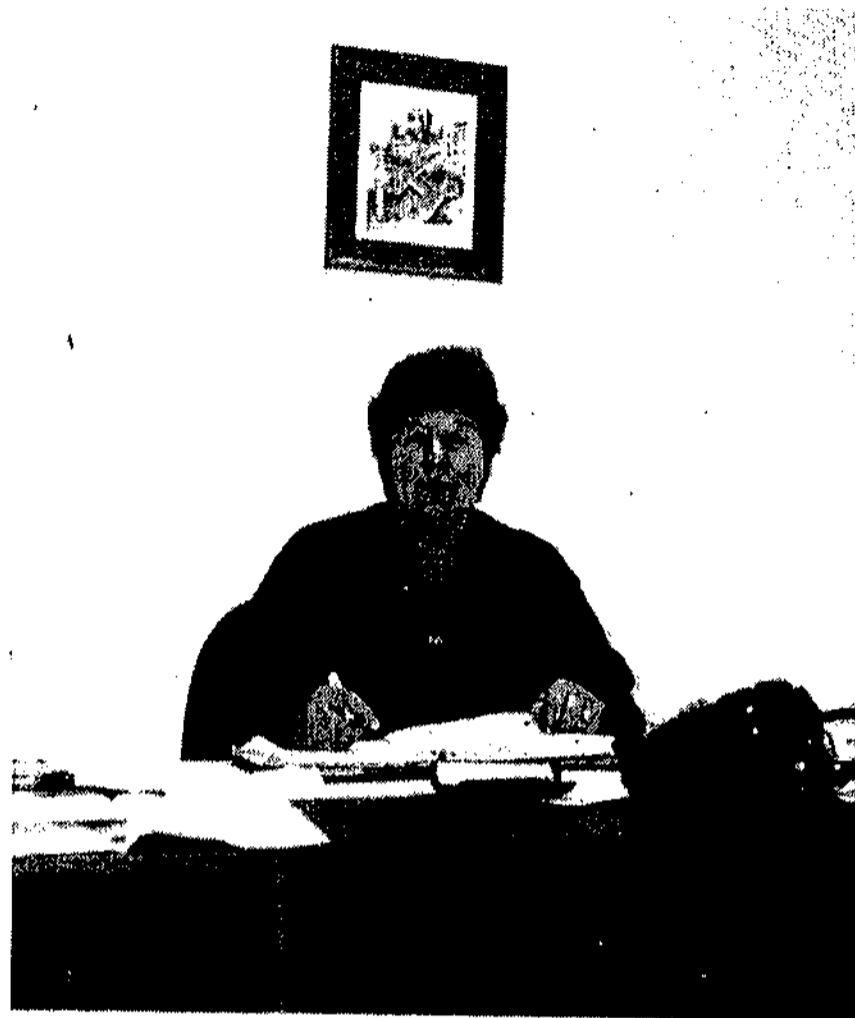
Of the 30 patients in residence:-

- 7 are fully mobile
- 9 are partially mobile
- 14 are bed fast

3. BUDGET 1998

Pay	-	£570,000
Non-Pay	-	£90,000
Gross Total	-	£660,000
Less Income	-	£120,000
Net Total	-	£540,000

Average net daily cost £53.30



Norah Fitzpatrick, Director of Nursing



Dr. John Keating and Ms. Catherine Marah, Assistant Matron

4. CASUALTY

The hospital provides a minor casualty service for its immediate catchment area. In 1998, there were a total of 1,832 casualty attendances. An excellent medical cover is provided to the Casualty Department by the seven General Practitioners in the G.P. Access Scheme for the Hospital.



5. DAY CARE UNIT

The Hospital has a very effective Day Care Unit which provides a vital service in maintaining the elderly in their own home environment who otherwise might have to be admitted to the hospital. The number of patients on the Day Care Register is 150 currently with an average daily attendance of 25 patients. The frequency of attendance depends on the individual need of the patient with the objective of each patient attending at least twice a week.

Services available to patients attending the Day Care include Medical (as required), Nursing, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Chiropody. They can also avail of laundry, bathing and hairdressing facilities. Patients are also provided with a mid-day meal and a light tea before going home. The average daily cost of patients attending the Day Care Unit is £12.00.

<u>Attendances</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	5,525	6,392



6. MEDICAL COVER - GENERAL PRACTITIONER ACCESS SCHEME

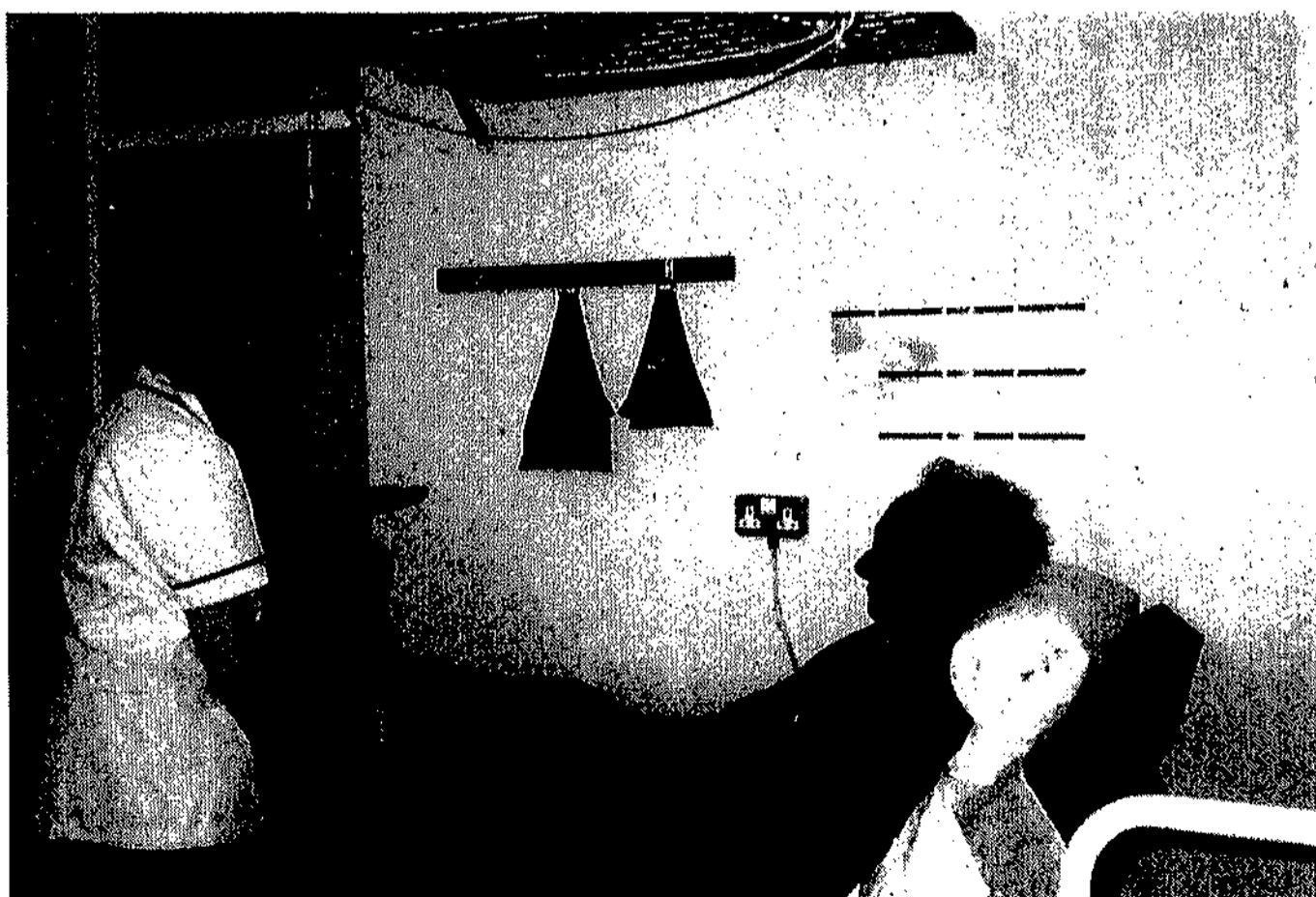
Medical cover for the Hospital is provided by seven local General Practitioners participating in the G.P. Access Scheme for the Hospital. This system of medical cover for the Hospital replaced the single appointment of a Medical Officer and has proved very satisfactory. The G.P. Access Scheme is reviewed annually with the participating General Practitioners and will continue in operation for a further twelve months.

The General Practitioners involved in the scheme are:-

Dr. John Keating	Dr. Truls Christiansen
Dr. Vincent Pippet	Dr. Colin Power
Dr. Nicholas Byrne	Dr. Neil Golden
	Dr. Mary Flynn

The present distribution of patients is as follows:-

Dr. Keating	-	7	Dr. Byrne	-	4
Dr. Pippet	-	5	Dr. Power	-	4
Dr. Golden	-	6	Dr. Christiansen	-	2
			Dr. Flynn	-	2







7. ASSESSMENT TEAM MEETINGS

There are four assessment/rehabilitation beds at the Hospital. Assessment team meetings take place every Tuesday at the Hospital with the following people in attendance.

- Consultant Geriatrician
- Director of Nursing
- Doctor in Administrative Charge
- Public Health Nurse
- Hospital Manager

The aim of this team is to assess all persons from a Medical, Nursing and Social viewpoint prior to admission with the emphasis on retention in the community with the support of the appropriate community services.

The team which meets weekly at the Hospital, monitors patients who have been admitted to the assessment beds and prioritises new referrals for admission in accordance with their medical needs. Following assessment and rehabilitation, patients will be discharged to one of the following locations:

- Home
- Other Hospitals
- Long-stay Beds in Wicklow Hospital
- Other Beds in Wicklow Hospital (Respite Care or Terminal Care).

In 1998, over 75% of patients admitted were rehabilitated and returned to their own homes with the appropriate support from the Community Care Service.

8. X-RAY UNIT

The Hospital has a small X-Ray Unit which provides an excellent service. One X-Ray session per week is held to cater for routine X-Ray work, i.e. Chest X-Rays etc. This facility has the effect of avoiding the need for patients to travel to the city hospitals for this service.

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Attendances	712	676

9. PHYSIOTHERAPY

A physiotherapy service is provided for both in-patients and day care patients. The Physiotherapy Service plays a vital role in the rehabilitation and progressive recovery and discharge home of patients.

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
No. of Treatments	3,060	3,458

10. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

An Occupational Therapist attends the Hospital on a weekly basis and provides a service for both in-patients and day patients. Patients are assessed and helped to cope with the activities of every day living at home as part of their rehabilitation. The number of treatments in 1998 were as follows:

<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
3,892	1,506



11. CHIROPODY SERVICE

There is a Chiropody service provided at the Hospital for in-patients and day-patients. The Chiropodist attends as required and the availability of this service has proved to be of great benefit in the rehabilitation of patients.

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Treatments	83	139

12. NUTRITIONAL ADVISOR

The Nutritional Advisor for the Elderly visited the Hospital throughout the year organising lectures and monitoring the progress of the Nutrition Education Programme initiated at the Hospital. The availability of the service to the Hospital has assisted in meeting the dietary needs of the patients.

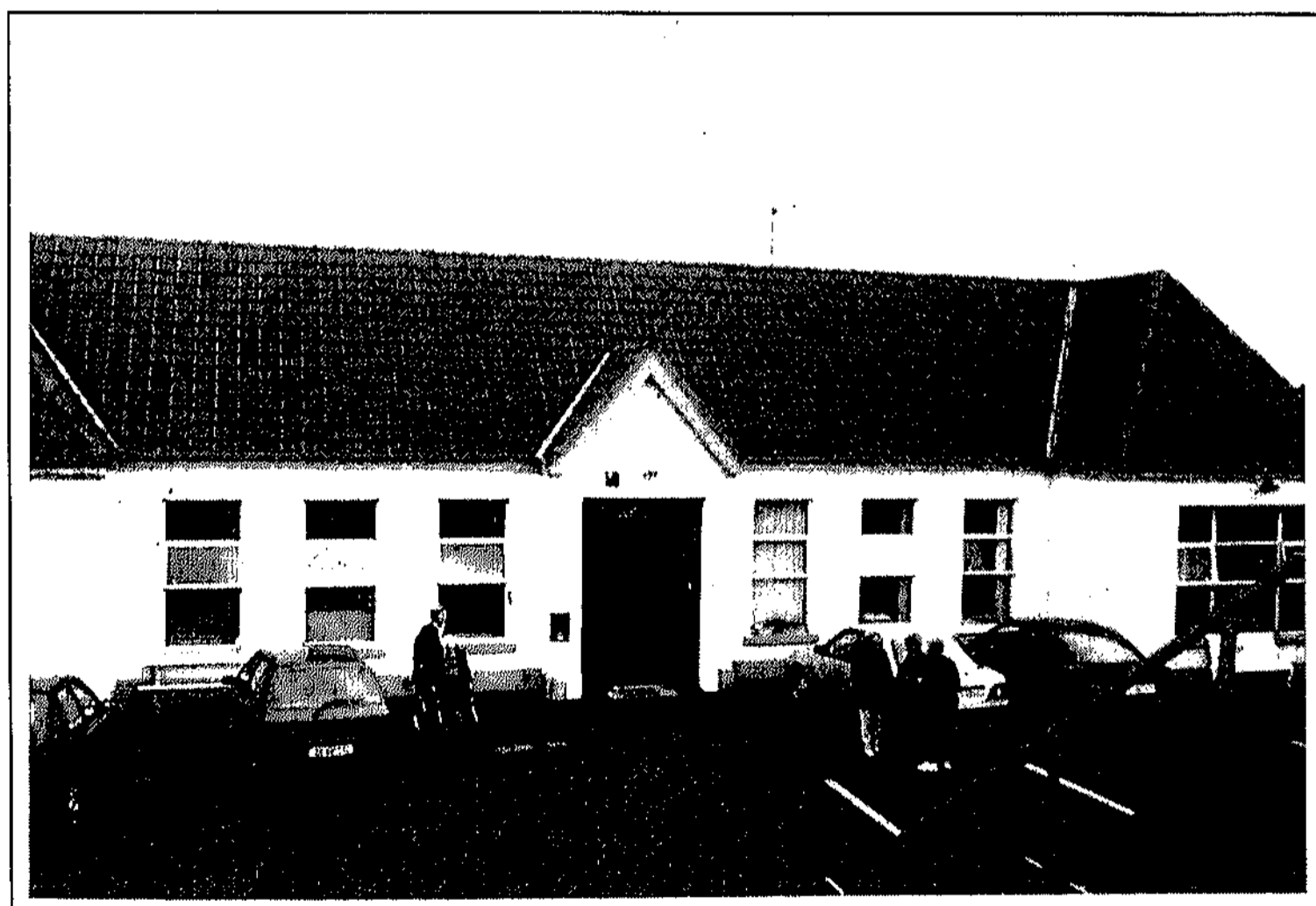


13. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

The Wicklow Patients' Benefit Fundraising Committee continues to be extremely active in its fundraising efforts on behalf of the Hospital.

The annual field day and sponsored cycle are held to raise funds for the Hospital. In addition to this the Committee organise raffles, table quizzes, cabarets. The Committee also arrange outings for the patients to various venues throughout the year.

In the past the Committee has contributed towards the cost of building the Day Care Unit, the Patient Day Room, and the Day Care Unit Transport Vehicle. In 1998 the Committee has contributed towards the cost of constructing improved hospice accommodation for terminally ill patients. The Committee are at present raising funds for the extension of the Physiotherapy Department in the Hospital which it is hoped will commence in 1999.



14. ENGINEERING SERVICES

In the past year the engineering staff under the direction of Mr. Michael Kinsella, Engineering Officer, have continued to maintain the Hospital at the highest standard and have completed the following works:

- a) Repair of tarmacadam in hospital grounds
- b) Upgrading of facilities for hospice accommodation
- c) General upkeep of hospital and grounds

15. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Extension of Psysiotherapy Department

John Hempenstall
Hospital Manager

15th April 1999