

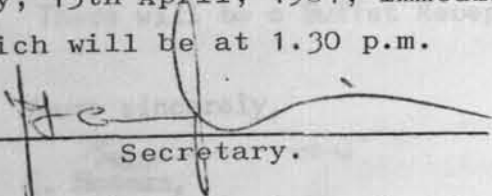
the present patient population of 1050 was about rock bottom as services were at present operating. However, the provision of a Day Hospital could help to reduce numbers further and also help in reducing admissions. He felt that accreditation could materialise this year as the two new Units were great additions to the Hospital. However, he would like to see Audio Visual equipment installed to assist with teaching both nursing and medical staff.

Mr. S. O'Donoghue, Programme Manager, said that it was clear that the long term approach must be the provision of Hostels, Day Hospitals, Workshops and other Community based facilities. This will ultimately mean the redeployment of resources (nurses, doctors, etc.) into the community and the tackling of public opposition to the dispersal of psychiatric patients in small groups throughout the community.

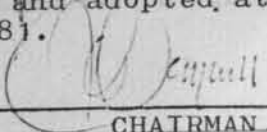
On the proposition of Mr. P. Concannon, seconded by Mr. L. Naughton, it was agreed that the Western Health Board press the Department of Health for such funds as are necessary to enable a programme of upgrading to be established and maintained in all the Board's Psychiatric Hospitals until all patients are accommodated in acceptable conditions.

The members expressed their thanks to Dr. Reynolds, Mr. G. Rynne and their Staff for the courtesy extended to them during their visit.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Committee at the McBride Home, Westport on Wednesday, 15th April, 1981, immediately following lunch which will be at 1.30 p.m.

SIGNED:   
Secretary.

Confirmed and adopted at meeting held on 15th April, 1981.

SIGNED:   
CHAIRMAN.

DATE AND VENUE OF  
NEXT MEETING: