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Accounts and Audit

The audited accounts of the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board in respect of 1981 are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Establishment and Functions

Section 39 of the Medical Practitioners Act, 1978 provided for the establishment of a body known as the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board. The Board was established with effect from 7 March, 1980 and replaced a former non-statutory Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education.

The Board's functions are to:—

- (a) promote the development of postgraduate medical and dental education and training and to co-ordinate such developments;
- (b) advise the Minister for Health on all matters, including financial matters, relating to the development and co-ordination of postgraduate medical and dental education and training;
- (c) provide career guidance for registered medical practitioners and registered dentists.

Membership

During 1981, the membership of the Board was as follows:—

Dr. B. G. Alton, Mater Hospital, Dublin (Chairman).

Dr. J. P. Alvey, National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, Dublin.

Professor B. E. Barrett, University College, Cork.

Dr. M. M. Berber, 69 Upper Churchtown Road, Dublin.

Professor G. Bourke, University College, Dublin.

Professor M. P. Brady, Regional Hospital, Cork.

Professor A. D. H. Browne, Rotunda Hospital, Dublin (Vice-Chairman)

Professor R. J. Daly, Regional Hospital, Cork.

Mr. D. Q. Dudley, Chief Executive Officer, Southern Health Board.

Professor D. O'B. Hourihane, Trinity College, Dublin.

Mr. B. Joyce, B.D.S., Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

Mr. V. Morris, President, Dental Board.

Professor C. F. McCarthy, Galway Regional Hospital.

Dr. C. Macnamara, Chatsfort, Newtown, Waterford.

Mr. G. MacGabhann, Secretary/Manager, Mater Hospital, Dublin.

Dr. G. O'Byrne, Regional Hospital, Cork. (resigned 16 September, 1981).

Dr. Joan O'Callaghan, 82 Delwood Drive, Castleknock,
Co. Dublin.
Professor N. O'Higgins, St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin.
Professor E. O'Malley, Mater Hospital, Dublin.
Dr. D. O'Mullane, Chief Dental Officer, Department of Health.
(present appointment is in University College, Cork).
Dr. M. Ryan, St. Laurence's/Jervis Street Hospitals, Dublin.
Dr. W. Shannon, Hawkes Road, Bishopstown, Cork.
Dr. E. Tempany, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Dublin.
Dr. N. Tierney, Senior Medical Officer, Department of Health.
Dr. W. Wren, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Dublin.

Staffing

During 1981 the whole-time staffing establishment of the Board consisted of three posts, namely Chief Officer, Executive Officer and Clerical Officer/Typist. Pending the making of permanent appointments interim staffing arrangements were made in 1980 whereby Mr. J. Darby who had been Chief Officer to the former Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education was appointed as Acting Chief Officer to the Board and Miss M. Marrinan, Clerk-typist was seconded to the Board from the Department of Health.

Mr. J. Gloster was appointed as Chief Officer with effect from 2 March, 1981 and Miss A. Linnane took up duty as clerical officer on 27 July, 1981. Following those appointments the interim staffing arrangements already described ceased save that there was a short overlapping period in the case of each appointment.

The Board also employs six part-time Co-ordinators of Postgraduate Education (4 in the Eastern Region of the country and one each in the Southern and Western Regions). The general duties of these Co-ordinators are to co-ordinate and encourage the development of postgraduate education both at the level of programmed training and continuing education, to stimulate learning by all trainees and to co-operate with the Board, the professional training bodies and teaching hospitals in the promotion of postgraduate education. The following are the names of the Co-ordinators employed in 1981:—

Dr. R. Draper, Postgraduate Medical Education Centre,
St. James's Hospital, Dublin 8.

Professor J. J. Fennelly, St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park,
Dublin 4 (resigned with effect 29 November, 1981).

Professor J. Flynn, Regional Pathology Laboratories,
Regional Hospital, Galway. (resigned with effect 27 December,
1981).

Dr. N. Gibney, St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park,
Dublin 4 (took up duty 30 November, 1981).

Dr. R. Godfrey, University College, Cork.

Dr. J. F. Greally, Regional Pathology Laboratories,
Regional Hospital, Galway (took up duty 28 December, 1981).

Dr. S. Murphy, St. Laurence's and Jervis Street Hospitals,
Dublin.

Dr. D. Powell, Mater Hospital, Dublin.

Outline of Board's Activities

During 1981 the main activities undertaken by the Board could be summarised as follows:

- launched a pilot study on a system of providing continuing education for general medical practitioners
- recommended to the Department of Health that additional schemes of vocational training in general practice be established in Letterkenny and Sligo and recommended that the intake to the existing scheme in Cork be expanded
- recommended to the Department of Health that the intake to the radiology training programme be expanded
- agreed that a second mode (i.e. an alternative stream) of training for general practice be established
- recommended that trainers in general practice vocational training schemes be remunerated
- adopted the criteria with which the constitutions of professional bodies recognised by the Board should comply
- agreed to contribute towards the funding of a 3-day postgraduate/undergraduate course in Oral Medicine to be held in UCC in 1982
- recommended the funding of a post of Course Organiser for the scheme of higher professional training in community medicine
- continued to urge that posts at senior registrar level be funded and filled
- worked with the health board chief executive officers to develop a set of guidelines covering a wide range of issues affecting postgraduate medical and dental education
- circulated a suggested list of the basic minimum requirements for libraries in all hospitals where non-consultant hospital doctors are employed

- begun to develop the outline of an education programme for non-consultant hospital doctors who have not yet decided on the specialty which they wish to pursue or who have not yet entered a formal training programme
- provided financial assistance to the professional bodies in their exercise, as national bodies, of a general control over programmed training. Details are provided in the Accounts. The variation in the financial assistance provided in respect of general practice in 1981 as compared with 1980 is explained by an 'once-off' payment of £9,000 made in 1980 to UCC to help defray some of the expenses incurred in funding the administration of the Cork Vocational Training Scheme in General Practice for the period 1976 to 1980. The Southern Health Board now meets these expenses.

Among the main activities undertaken by the Co-ordinators of Postgraduate Education during 1981 were

- organisation of Basic Science Course
- organisation of Clinical Science Course
- organisation of Clinical Pathological Conferences
- organisation of seminars on topics relevant to general practice and assisting local groups of general practitioners with the organisation of continuing education programmes
- organisation of continuing education programmes in various hospitals
- helped the Board to prepare suggested minimum requirements for libraries in hospitals where non-consultant hospital doctors are employed.

Committees of the Board

The Board has established six Committees which have the task of examining and reporting to the Board on particular aspects of the Board's functions and activities. The Committees established are:

Structures Committee — chaired by Dr. B. G. Alton

Finance Committee — chaired by Professor A. D. H. Browne

Manpower Committee — chaired by Professor C. F. McCarthy

Educational Science
Committee

— chaired by Professor R. J. Daly

Dental Affairs
Committee

— chaired by Professor B. E. Barrett
(deals with all aspects of dentistry other than continuing education)

Dental Committee — chaired by Mr. B. Joyce
(deals with continuing education)

The membership of the last named Committee comprises representatives of the Board together with representatives of the Irish Dental Association and of the Society of Chief and Principal Dental Surgeons of Ireland. The membership of the other Committees is drawn from within the membership of the Board.

Recognition of Professional Bodies

The Board has recognised ten main Irish professional bodies as filling major roles in programmed training. They are:

- (i) The Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland;
- (ii) The Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland;
- (iii) The Irish Institute of General Practice;
- (iv) The Irish Committee on Higher Medical Training;
- (v) The Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland;
- (vi) The Standing Committee in the Republic of Ireland of the Royal College of Pathologists*;
- (vii) The Irish Psychiatric Training Committee;
- (viii) The Faculty of Radiologists of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland;
- (ix) The Irish Surgical Postgraduate Training Committee;
- (x) A Committee of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, which deals with general professional training in Medicine.

*The Standing Committee was the recognised Body for programmed training in Pathology during 1981 and up to early 1982 when it ceased to exist and its functions were assumed by the newly established Faculty of Pathology of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, which Faculty is now recognised by the Board.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/'81

1981

Notes 1 to 5 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet as at 31 December, 1981

1980	Current Assets	1981
£		£
855	Debtors and Pre-payments	2,715
655	Cash in Bank	7,378
<u>1,510</u>		<u>10,093</u>
	Less Current Liabilities	
<u>11,646</u>	Creditors and Accrued Charges	<u>7,738</u>
<u>(10,136)</u>	Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	<u>2,355</u>
	Represented by:	
	Surplus on Income and	
	Expenditure Account	
<u>(10,136)</u>	for 1981	<u>2,355</u>

Notes 1 to 5 form part of these accounts.

Bryan G. Alton	Chairman,
Alan D. H. Browne	Chairman, Finance Committee
J. Gloster	Chief Officer

4th February, 1983.

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1

The Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board was established pursuant to section 39 of the Medical Practitioners Act, 1978, to

- (a) promote the development of postgraduate medical and dental education and training and to co-ordinate such developments;
- (b) advise the Minister on all matters, including financial matters relating to the development and co-ordination of postgraduate medical and dental education and training;
- (c) to provide career guidance for registered medical practitioners and registered dentists.

In accordance with section 12(2) of the Act, the Board entered on its duties on 7 March, 1980.

Note 2

There is no charge in the accounts for depreciation as fixed assets are being written off in the year in which they are acquired.

Note 3

Income shown under Oireachtas Grant represents the actual amount received in the year.

Note 4

General Administration:	£
Rent and Service	5,052
Rates and Insurance	1,037
Electricity Charges	291
Telephone and Postage	1,619
Stationery, Publications and Office Equipment	2,071
Advertising	715
Meeting Expenses	1,741
	12,526

Note 5

Section 19 of the Medical Practitioners Act, 1978 applies the terms of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956 to the Board and its Officers, subject to any modifications which may, with the consent of the Minister for the Environment, be determined by the Minister for Health. There is a contingent liability for Staff Superannuation, the charge in the accounts in respect of Salaries being net of superannuation contributions.

Auditor's Report

I have examined, in accordance with approved auditing standards, the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet of the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board for the year ended 31 December, 1981.

I have obtained all the information and explanations which I considered necessary for the purpose of my audit.

In my opinion,

- (a) proper books of account have been kept by the Board and the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are in agreement with them, and
- (b) the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet together with notes 1 to 5 give, respectively, a true and fair view of the transactions of the Board for the year ended 31 December, 1981 and the state of its affairs at that date.

B. J. Caldwell

For and on behalf of the
Comptroller and Auditor General
8 March, 1983.