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Accounts and Audit

The audited accounts for the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board in respect of 1989 are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Functions

The Medical Practitioners Act, 1978 provided for the establishment of a body known as the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board with the following functions:-

- (a) promote the development of postgraduate medical and dental education and training and to co-ordinate such developments;
- 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 1989 the membership of the Board was as follows:-

Dr. B.G. Alton, 19 Temple Gardens, Rathmines, Dublin 6.

Professor B.E. Barrett Cork Dental Hospital, Wilton, Cork.

Dr. M.J. Boland, Cork Road, Skibbereen, Co. Cork.

Professor D. Bouchier-Hayes, Professorial Unit RCSI, Beaumont Hospital, Beaumont, Dublin 9.

Dr. F. Bradley, Fairview, Kindlestown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow (resigned May, 1989).

Dr. J. Buttimer, Medical Officer, Department of Health, Hawkins House, Hawkins Street, Dublin 2.

Dr. P.A. Carney, Department of Psychiatry, University College Hospital, Galway.

Professor J.B. Coakley, Professor of Anatomy, University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Mr. D.J. Doherty, Chief Executive Officer, Midland Health Board, Arden Road,

Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Professor C.T. Doyle, Department of Histopathology, Regional Hospital, Wilton, Cork.

Dr. Y. Doyle, Boyne House, Church Hill, Navan, Co. Meath (resigned February, 1989).

Professor M. Fitzgerald, St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4.

Dr. M. Glacken, Westport Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

Dr. G.R. Henry, Rotunda Hospital, Dublin I.

Dr. M. Henry, 12 Burlington Road, Dublin 4.

Dr. G.D. Hurley, Meath Hospital, Heytesbury Street, Dublin 8.

Professor C.F. McCarthy, Department of Medicine, University College

Hospital, Galway.

Mr. D. McCarthy, Principal Officer, Department of Health, Hawkins House, Hawkins Street, Dublin 2.

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

Dr. J.O. Mason, The Surgery, Johnstown Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

Dr. D.C. Moriarty, Mater Hospital, Eccles Street, Dublin 7.

Mr. V. Morris, Dublin Dental Hospital, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2.

Dr. S. O'Hickey, Chief Dental Officer, Department of Health, Hawkins House, Hawkins Street, Dublin 2.

Dr. J.P.R. Rees, Mandeville, Torquay Road, Foxrock, Dublin 18.

Dr. A.J. Woolfe, 14 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2.

See Appendix for current membership.

Staffing

Chief Officer: Mr. J. Gloster. Staff Officer: Mr. J. Cosgrave. Clerical Officer: Miss A. Linnane.

Co-ordinators of Postgraduate Medical Education

The Board employs part-time Co-ordinators of Postgraduate Medical Education. Their general duties 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. There were ten posts of Co-ordinator (4 in the Eastern Region and I each in the Mid-Western, North-Eastern, North-Western, South-Eastern, Southern and Western Regions) during 1989 and following are the names of those who held the posts that year:

Dr. L. Bannan, General Hospital, Letterkenny (until 28 February, 1989).

Professor D. Coakley, The William Stokes Postgraduate Centre, St. James's Hospital, Dublin.

Dr. H. Comber, University College, Cork.

Mr. P.V. Delaney, Regional Hospital, Dooradoyle, Limerick.

Dr. S. Healy, General Hospital, Sligo (from 1 March, 1989).*

Dr. M. Lawler, St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny (from 1 March, 1989).*

Mr. F. Lennon, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda.

Dr. S. Murphy, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin.

Dr. D.P. O'Donoghue, St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin.

Professor D. Powell, Mater Hospital, Dublin.

Dr. F. Stevens, University College Hospital, Galway.

Dr. R. Tait, Ardkeen Regional Hospital, Waterford.

*The post in the North-West is filled on a job-sharing basis.

Course Organisers, Regional Dental Committees.

Each of the Board's Regional Dental Committees employs a part-time Course Organiser whose general duties are to promote and encourage continuing dental education at individual, group and regional level, to liaise with all groups interested in such education, to make recommendations to the regional committee on local needs, to provide continuing dental education as appropriate and to be involved in the assessment of the relevance and effectiveness of different courses and activities organised within the functional area of the regional committee. There were four posts of Course Organiser

(one each in the North-West, South-East, South/Mid-West and in the West) during 1989 and following are the names of those who held the posts that year:-

- J. Browne, Main Street, Wexford.
- L. Buckley, Dental School and Hospital, Wilton, Cork.
- B. Flanagan, Wine Street, Sligo.
- J. Griffin, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo.

National Director, General Practitioner Continuing Education Programmes

The Board funds the appointment of Dr. M. Boland, Skibbereen, Co. Cork as National Director of continuing education schemes, under the auspices of the Irish College of General Practitioners, to co-ordinate the activities of the Tutors of those schemes, to encourage the development of new schemes and to establish and maintain a bank of educational resources for use by small groups.

Tutors, General Practitioners Continuing Education Programmes

Each of the General Practitioners Continuing Education Programmes funded by the Board employs a part-time Tutor. The general duties of the Tutors are to promote, encourage and co-ordinate continuing education for the general practitioners in their areas both at an individual level and principally by promoting and encouraging the formation of small groups which should meet regularly in an informal atmosphere with the emphasis being on participation and discussion rather than didactic teaching. The Tutors provide guidance and resources for such small groups, seek to co-ordinate and integrate their programmes with existing continuing medical education activities and seek to ensure that the principles of assessing needs, defining objectives, active problem-based learning and performance review apply. There were thirteen posts of Tutor during 1989 and following are the names of those who held the posts that year:

- Dr. F. Dobbs, Castletown, Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo.
- Dr. C. Donovan, Cork City.
- Dr. G. Doyle, Trim, Co. Meath.
- Dr. J. Drynan, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.
- Dr. P. Durcan, Ballina, Co. Mayo.
- Dr. H. Finnegan, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
- Dr. M. Griffin, Limerick.
- Dr. B. Jordan, Midleton, Co. Cork.
- Dr. P. Lacey, Dun Laoghaire.
- Dr. J. Latham, Dublin.
- Dr. T. O'Leary, Kinsale, Co. Cork.
- Dr. M. McDonnell, Emyvale, Co. Monaghan.
- Dr. M. Rouse, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

Outline of Board's Activities

The main activities undertaken by the Board in 1989 could be summarised as follows:-

- continued to develop the Board's career guidance programme for young doctors,
- organised Medical Careers Fairs in Cork, Dublin and Galway for interns and first

year house officers and to which medical students were also admitted; also organised a Careers Symposium in Cork; this programme of activities attracted overall attendances of about 230.

- continued to fund, in partnership with the relevant health boards, regional dental committees in the North-West, South/Mid-West, South-East and in the West; the main function of these regional committees is to promote continuing dental education within their respective areas,
- begun to consider the desirability/feasibility of making recommendations relating to (i) the introduction of mandatory continuing dental education or (ii) the establishment of a voluntary scheme of credits linked to continuing dental education.
- begun to review the policies which should operate in relation to the provision of continuing education for general dental practitioners and for public dental staff on the topic of Orthodontics,
- met a delegation from the Irish Dental Association to discuss a range of issues relating to the organisation of continuing dental education in the Eastern Region, credits for continuing dental education and the relationships between the Board's Regional Dental Committees and the local branches of the Irish Dental Association.
- conveyed observations to the Faculty of Anaesthetists on changes the Faculty proposed in the composition of interview boards it convenes for senior registrar posts,
- continued to press for concerted action on the medical manpower situation and submitted to the Department of Health proposed detailed terms of reference for an urgent review of medical manpower,
- asked the Department of Health to either reactivate the agreement that representatives of the Department, Comhairle na nOspideal and the Board would meet regularly to consider the issue of medical manpower or establish another appropriate forum to consider and bring forward proposals relating to the future structure of medical manpower.
- continued to urge that senior registrar posts be funded and filled,
- circulated the report of the Board's survey of NCHD staffing as at October, 1988,
- asked the training bodies to consider issues, prompted by the survey's findings, relating to (i) the individual specialties and (ii) NCHD staffing generally, in particular the training bodies were asked to consider the possibility of introducing rotational arrangements on a wider scale than have applied heretofore,
- continued to fund thirteen general practitioner continuing education programmes/schemes (GPCME schemes) based in Carlow/Kilkenny, Cavan/Meath, Cork (East/North, West, Cork City), Dublin (ICGP Faculty areas: Dun Laoghaire/Merrion, William Stokes/ Mount Carmel), Limerick, Louth/Monaghan, Mayo, Sligo/Leitrim, Waterford and in the West Midlands,
- confirmed the Board's commitment to the establishment of a national network of

such GPCME schemes and reiterated the view that the development of such a national network would require the commitment of additional resources.

- received reports on assessment visits to the GPCME Schemes in Carlow/Kilkenny, Waterford and in West Cork and also received the annual report of the National Director of GPCME schemes and adopted a series of recommendations arising from those reports,
- continued to fund the appointment of a National Director of continuing education schemes, under the auspices of the Irish College of General Practitioners, to co-ordinate the activities of the Tutors of such schemes, to encourage the development of new schemes and to establish and maintain a bank of educational resources for use by small groups,
- was represented at a one day workshop hosted by the Department of Health on 21 June, 1989 to examine the requirements of expanding vocational training for general practitioners and the implications of meeting those requirements,
- requested views from the Dublin Regional Vocational Training Scheme for General Practice on how structured general practice vocational training in the Dublin area could best be expanded and how best to utilise and avail of the facilities and resources of the Dublin Medical Schools in any such expansion,
- asked the Department of Health to finalise as a matter of urgency its consideration of the review of the organisation and funding of general practice vocational training,
- provided a grant to the Irish College of General Practitioners to help with the funding of a workshop held to review some aspects of the MICGP Examination,
- continue to subsidise the library information service operated by the Sligo General Practitioner Vocational Training Scheme and by the North-West Regional Dental Committee,
- adopted a report of a working party established by it to consider and make recommendations on a range of issues (e.g. selection, rotations, number of posts etc.) in relation to the organisation of higher specialist training in obstetrics and gynaecology and asked the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations concerned,
- asked the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to consider the possibility
 of (a) designating additional house officer posts for recognised general practice
 vocational training schemes and (b) structuring a number of rotational schemes at
 NCHD level,
- sought the necessary funds from the Department of Health to enable the Board to prepare for the establishment and introduction, with effect from July, 1991 of a matching scheme for house officer appointments,
- agreed to meet some of the deficit, if any, incurred in the organisation of the 10th Biennial meeting of European Association for Cancer Research which was held in Galway in September, 1989,
- received the report of a survey on the level of interest in part-time training in

community medicine,

- arising therefrom requested UCD to provide an MPH course organised in a series
 of modules spread over two years,
- brought the findings of the survey to the attention of UCC and UCG and requested them to consider the possibility of they providing suitable courses,
- recommended to health boards that their staffs in community medicine should be facilitated by way of special leave to attend MPH courses,
- made an oral submission to the Working Party established by the Minister for Health to "define the role of community medicine in the health services in the medium to longterm",
- urged Comhairle na nOspideal to consider the possibility of creating additional posts of Physician in Geriatric Medicine,
- urged hospitals with such Physician posts to make NCHD posts available for general practice vocational trainees,
- encouraged the ICGP and the General Practitioner Vocational Training Schemes to seek out opportunities to provide experience in geriatrics to greater numbers of vocational trainees than heretofore.
- instituted an arrangement whereby each of the recognised professional training bodies shall submit an annual report to the Board,
- agreed that the Board should seek to promote a debate on the development by the postgraduate training bodies of policies in relation to the introduction of credits for postgraduate education,
- agreed in principle to hold a Symposium in 1990 on issues relating to preparing clinicians to fulfill their management responsibilities.
- submitted comments to the Department of Health on the report of the Commission on Health Funding,
- urged health boards and hospital authorities to make adequate financial provision for postgraduate medical and dental education and strongly recommended that each employing authority should have a specific budget for such postgraduate education,
- wrote to the Department of Health, health boards and hospital authorities indicating that structured training posts and schemes (including facilities for attendance at courses) must be preserved if organised postgraduate education is to survive without severe disruption or without being seriously jeopardised,
- wrote to the Revenue Commissioners indicating that as the funds being made available by health boards and hospitals for continuing education are being curtailed income tax relief in respect of such education should be made available to salaried doctors and dentists on the same basis as applies to those who are self-employed.

- provided financial assistance towards the costs incurred by the Faculty of Community Medicine in its trainees undertaking training at the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre, Colindale, London,
- provided financial assistance to the Faculty of Occupational Medicine to help fund the appointment of its Tutor/Co-ordinator for a Common Core Course in Occupational Safety and Health,
- provided financial assistance to the postgraduate training bodies in their exercise, as national bodies, of a general control over programmed training Details are provided in the Accounts. The Bodies so assisted comprise those listed at (i) to (x) on the next page together with the Faculties of (a) Public Health Medicine, (b) Occupational Medicine and (c) Paediatrics the last three named bodies are Faculties of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. The financial assistance provided in 1989 to the training bodies fell as compared with the 1988 level this arose mainly because of the Board's decreased financial allocation in 1989,
- provided an administrative service for the Irish Psychiatric Training Committee and in addition provided secretarial services for the Dublin Regional Vocational Training Scheme for General Practice.

Among the main activities undertaken by the Co-ordinators of Postgraduate Medical Education during 1989 were:-

- (a) the organisation of
- # Basic Science Symposia.
- # Clinical Science Courses.
- # Regional Medical and Surgical Conferences,
- # Surgical Pathology Conferences.
- # clinico-pathological Conferences.
- # inter-hospital postgraduate education, meetings.
- # seminars on topics relevant to general practice and assisting local groups of general practitioners with the organisation of continuing education programmes,
- postgraduate education programmes in various hospitals,
- # various postgraduate lecture programmes,
- (b) provision of advice to hospitals regarding library facilities,
- (c) helped the Board in the organisation of the career guidance programme for interns and house officers.

- (d) continued research on the feasibility of introducing a national computerised matching programme for the appointment of NCHDs.
- (e) participated in the consultative groups associated with the GPCME schemes,
- exploration of educational needs, at local level, of doctors in community medicine.
- (g) participated in the management and administration of postgraduate centres and in the organisation of the programmes of activities in such centres; one new centre, based on the campus of Limerick Regional Hospital, opened in 1989,
- (h) met with representatives of the training bodies to exchange information on a wide range of issues of mutual interest e.g. core basic sciences course, matching scheme for NCHD appointments, survey of NCHD staffing, medical audit, career guidance, medical broadcasting.

Committees of the Board

During 1989 the Board had the following three Committees which had the task of examining and reporting to it on particular aspects of the Board's functions and activities:

Finance Committee, chaired by Dr. C.S. Macnamara,

Dental Affairs Committee, chaired by Professor B.E. Barrett. This Committee deals with all aspects of dentistry relevant to the Board's functions other than continuing dental education.

Dental Committee, chaired by Dr. A.J. Woolfe, deals with continuing dental education.

The membership of the last named Committee comprises representatives of the Board, the Chairmen of the Board's regional dental committees 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 College of General Practitioners;
- (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 Faculty of Pathology of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland;
 (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.

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Accounts for the year ended 31.12.89

Accounting Policies and Principles

1 General

The Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board was established in March, 1980 as a statutory body under the Medical Practitioners Act, 1978. Its function is to promote the development of postgraduate medical and dental education.

2 Income

Oireachtas grants are accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are shown at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using a 10% rate and the straight line method.

4 Capital Account

The Capital account represents the unamortised value of grants applied for capital purposes.

5 Premises

The Board occupies a premises at Corrigan House, Fenian Street, Dublin 2 under a lease for 33 years which commenced on 1 November, 1976. The current annual rental is £9,708. The lease is subject to review every 5 years.

6 Superannuation

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.

No provision is made for future superannuation benefits under the above arrangement.

Superannuation contributions are netted against the charge for salaries.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/89

1988		1989
£	Income	£
526,300	Oireachtas Grant	500,000
526,300		500,000
428	Transfer to Capital Account (Note 4)	(174)
526,728		499,826
	Expenditure	
51,796	Salaries	59,901
9,252	Travelling & Subsistence	11,497
30,187	General Administration (Note 1)	32,822
156,591	Payments to Professional Bodies (Note 2)	
94,513	Co-ordinators of Postgraduate Education	100,724
126,805	General Practice Continuing Medical Education	138,012
900	Audit Fee	900
1,837	Career Guidance	1,699
6,000	Grants to Postgraduate Centres	· -
8,575	Grants to Health Boards & Hospitals	-
42,222	Regional Dental Committees	38,364
528,678		498,142
(1,950)	Surplus for the year	1,684
(4,781)	Accumulated Deficit at 1 January	(6,731)
(6,731)	Accumulated Deficit at 31 December	(5,047)

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Principles and Notes 1 to 4 form part of these accounts.

Professor G. Bourke, Chairman

Cormac S. Macnamara, Chairman, Pinance Committee

- J. Gloster, Chief Officer
- 16 January, 1992

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 1989

1988		1989
£ 11,306	Fixed Assets (Note 3)	£ 11,480
	Current Assets	
4,851 1,173 6,024	Debtors and Prepayments 4,10 Cash in Bank 2,81 6,91	<u>.o</u>
	Current Liabilities	
12,755	Creditors & Accrued Charges 11,96	<u>:3</u>
(<u>6,731</u>)	Net Current Liabilities	(<u>5,047</u>)
4.575	Total Assets less Current Liabilities	6,433
11,306 (<u>6,731</u>)	Represented by: Capital Account (Note 4) Deficit on Income & Expenditure Account	11,480 (<u>5,047</u>)
4.575	•	6,433

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Professor G. Bourke	Chairman
Cormac S. Macnamara	Chairman, Finance Committee
J. Gloster	Chief Officer

16 January, 1992

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Statement of Source and Application of funds for the year ended 31 December, 1989

Surplus for the year		1,684
Adjustments for items not involving the movement of funds:		
Depreciation	1,905	
Transfer to Capital Account	174	2,079
Application of funds:		
Purchase of fixed Assets		(2,079)
		1,684
Increase (Decrease) in Working Capital		
Decrease in Debtors and Prepayments		(745)
Decrease in Creditors and Accrued charges		792
Increase in Cash in Bank		1,637
		1,684

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1	General Administration:	1989	1988
		£	£
	Accommodation and Service	10,543	8,677
	Rates and Insurance	2,771	2,686
	Electricity Charges	620	595
	Telephone and Postage	4,517	5,399
	Stationery, Publications	•	
	and Office Supplies	6,980	7,042
	Meeting Expenses	5,138	3,756
	Miscellaneous	348	335
	Depreciation	1,905	1,697
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		32,822	30,187
Note 2	Payments to Professional Bodies	1989	1988
	Anaesthetics	9,390	11,126
	Dentistry	4,626	6,192
	General Practice	18,171	42,158
	Medicine	34,673	41,870
	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	5,556	5,719
	Pathology	4,915	3,884
	Psychiatry	8,476	10,193
	Radiology	5,856	6,006
	Surgery	22,560	29,443
		114,223	156,591
Note 3	Fixed Assets Furniture and Equipment.		
	Cost or valuation at 1 January, 1989 Additions in year		16,989 2,079
	Cost or valuation at 31 December, 1989		19,068
	Accumulated Depreciation at 1 Januar	v. 1989	5,683
	Depreciation in year		1,905
	Accumulated Depreciation at 31 December, 1989		7,588
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	Written down value at 31 December, 1	989	11,480
	Written down value at 31 December, 1	988	11,306

Note 4 Capital Account Balance at 1 January, 1989 11,306 Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account:

Grants used to purchase
fixed assets

Grants amortised in year
Balance at 31 December, 19208 9

11,480

Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General

I have examined in accordance with Auditing Standards the accounts on pages 10 to 15 which are in the form approved under the provisions of the Medical Practitioners Act, 1978. I have obtained all the information and explanations which I considered necessary for the purpose of my audit.

In my opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Board and the accounts which are in agreement with them give a true and fair view of the state of its affairs at 31 December, 1989 and of its transactions and source and application of funds for the year then ended.

J. Purcell
For and on behalf of the Comptroller
and Auditor General

22 January 1992

Appendix 1

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL AND DENTAL BOARD

MEMBERSHIP

The current membership of the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board is set out beneath. The term of office in each case extends to 16 July, 1996.

Dr. D. Bonar, Millers Field, Meenmore, Dungloe, Co. Donegal

Professor J. Bonnar, TCD Gynaecology Unit, Hospital 5, St. James's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin 8

Professor G. Bourke, Department of Public Health Medicine and Epidemiology, University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2

Mr. F. Brady, Lowell House, Herbert Avenue, Merrion Road, Dublin 4

Dr. N. Brennan, Mercy Hospital, Greenville Place, Cork

Mr. Hy Browne, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

Dr. J. Buttimer, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health, Hawkins House, Hawkins Street, Dublin 2

Professor J. Flynn, Department of Bacteriology, University College Hospital, Galway

Dr. P.J. Henry, Gorse Hill, Ballyweelin, Rosses Point, Co. Sligo

Dr. H. Hoey, National Childrens Hospital, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2

Dr. G.D. Hurley, Meath Hospital, Heytesbury Street, Dublin 8

Professor W. Kirwan, Department of Surgery, Regional Hospital, Wilton, Cork

Dr. A. Loftus, General Hospital, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

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

Dr. J. Maguire, St. Brigid's Hospital, Ardee, Co. Louth

Dr. E. McDwyer, Farnham Close, Farnham Street, Cavan

Dr. M. Milner, Rotunda Hospital, Parnell Street, Dublin 1

Professor D.C. Moriarty, Mater Hospital, Eccles Street, Dublin 7

Mr. C. O'Brien, Dental School & Hospital, Wilton, Cork

Dr. S. O'Hickey, Chief Dental Officer, Department of Health, Hawkins House, Hawkins Street, Dublin 2

Mr. M. O'Keefe, Mater Hospital, Eccles Street, Dublin 7

Mr. D. O'Shea, Chief Executive Officer, North-Western Health Board, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim

Mr. B. Phelan, Department of Health, Hawkins House, Hawkins Street, Dublin 2

Professor D. Shanley, Dublin Dental School and Hospital, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2

Mr. T. Whyte, Secretary/Manager, Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway