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Accounts and Audit

The audited accounts of the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board in respect of 1982 are set out on pages 10 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 1982 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. (Vice-Chairman).

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.

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.

Dr. G. Kerr, Merlin Park Regional Hospital, Galway (appointed February, 1982).

Mr. V. Morris, President, Dental Board.

Professor C. F. McCarthy, Galway Regional Hospital.

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

Dr. C. Macnamara, Newtown, Waterford.

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, 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

Chief Officer: Mr. J. Gloster.

Staff Officer: Mrs. A. O'Cuinneagain (on secondment from Hospital Bodies Administrative Bureau).

Clerical Officer: Miss A. Linnane.

The Board also employs part-time Co-ordinators of Postgraduate 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 six posts of Co-ordinator (4 in the Eastern Region, and 1 each in the Southern and Western Regions) during 1982 and following are the names of those who held the posts that year:—

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

Dr. N. Gibney, St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4. (until 30 September, 1982).

Dr. R. Godfrey, University College, Cork.

Dr. J. F. Greally, Regional Pathology Laboratories, Regional Hospital, Galway.

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

Dr. D. O'Leary, St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4. (from 1 October, 1982).

Dr. D. Powell, Mater Hospital, Dublin.

Outline of Board's Activities

The main activities undertaken by the Board in 1982 could be summarised as follows:—

- launched its programme of career guidance for young doctors
- organised a symposium on Career Guidance in Medicine in June, the aim of which was to establish how the professional training bodies were then providing career information and guidance and to help towards the development of an overall policy for the provision of such guidance and information
- organised 4 career guidance meetings (2 in Dublin, 1 each in Cork and Galway) for interns and first year house officers and to which medical students were also admitted
- published a booklet dealing with Careers in Medicine — this booklet gives a general description of the pattern of training for medical careers
- established, with the co-operation of the training bodies, a panel of doctors who are available to give career guidance and information to NCHDs - there are nearly 70 doctors on this list, located in Dublin, Cork and Galway with a small number outside of those centres
- commenced preparation of a set of leaflets giving information on the manpower situation and also on the methods of training, prospects etc. in the various disciplines
- obtained an enthusiastic response from the dental profession to the Board's proposals to work towards the establishment of a network of regional dental committees charged with the responsibility of promoting and co-ordinating continuing dental education
- obtained a welcome for these proposals from the health boards, while the boards were not in a position to commit finances towards the proposals sufficient progress was made to pave the way for the establishment of one regional dental committee on a pilot basis in 1983
- commenced discussions with the Faculty of Dentistry on the desirability of establishing a special committee to be responsible for higher training in dentistry
- contributed towards the funding of a 3-day postgraduate/undergraduate course in Oral Medicine held in UCC in October, 1982
- helped defray some of the deficit incurred by the Irish Society of Dentistry for Children in the running of its 1981/82 Scientific Programme

- continued to fund a pilot study (based in West Cork) on a system of providing continuing education for general medical practitioners
- welcomed the initiative being taken by the Irish Institute of General Practice towards the establishment of a single representative body concerned with training and academic matters in relation to general practice
- agreed to support the applications made by the Irish Institute of General Practice for funding for additional third-year trainee posts in the Cork and Dublin general practitioner vocational training schemes
- 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
- recognised for the Board's functions under the Medical Practitioners Act, 1978 the newly established Faculty of Pathology
- asked the Faculty of Pathology to consider the issue of monospecialist training and multidisciplinary needs
- met representatives of the Faculty of Anaesthetists, Faculty of Radiologists and of the Irish Surgical Postgraduate Training Committee to discuss a range of issues including finance, higher training, the possible need to establish a co-ordinating body for the admission and provision of postgraduate education for overseas doctors, monospecialist training/multidisciplinary needs
- expressed support for the aims of the Pilot European Training Programme of the Standing Committee of the Doctors of the EEC/Transnational Postgraduate Specialist Training Periods in the EEC and agreed to offer the services of the Board to operate it insofar as Ireland is involved
- continued to press for concerted action on the medical manpower situation and was represented at an international symposium on Medical Manpower Planning held in Maastricht and was also represented at a conference on Women in Medicine held in London
- sought to bring the medical manpower situation to the notice of school-leavers and their parents
- funded the attendance of a representative of the Irish Psychiatric Training Committee at a conference on Education and Training — Recruitment to Psychiatry held in Cambridge
- continued to urge that posts at senior registrar level be funded and filled
- asked the training bodies to consider what steps they might take to make part-time training more readily available

- approached Comhairle na nOspideal to consider what steps it might take to structure a number of posts on a part-time or shared basis
- agreed to ask the professional training bodies to encourage training rotations in the Third World
- agreed that the Board would act as a catalyst towards improving the quality of training being obtained by non-nationals holding NCHD posts
- asked the Department of Health to consider the possibility of introducing a scheme of disturbance allowances for doctors undergoing higher specialist training abroad
- agreed to hold a Symposium on Monospecialist Training and Multidisciplinary Needs during 1983
- sought to ensure that the funding of postgraduate medical and dental education would not suffer disproportionately in the current financial climate
- 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 1982 as compared with 1981 is explained by a grant of £8,000 paid to the Irish Institute of General Practice to (a) enable it to purchase a package of teaching material Topics in Drug Therapy and (b) make grants to a number of the vocational training schemes to assist in the purchase of teaching equipment
- agreed to provide financial support to the Faculty of Community Medicine towards the cost of running its initial "Training the Trainer" Workshop
- provided financial assistance to health boards and postgraduate centres to purchase teaching equipment. Details are in the Accounts.

Among the main activities undertaken by the Co-ordinators of Postgraduate Education during 1982 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 in the organisation of the career guidance programme for interns and house officers.

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 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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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/82

1981 £	Income	1982 £
<u>138,000</u>	Oireachtas Grant (Note 2)	<u>176,500</u>
	Expenditure	
29,494	Salaries (Note 4)	28,023
3,596	Travelling & Subsistence	5,399
12,526	General Administration (Note 3)	16,359
	Payments to Professional Bodies:	
2,263	Anaesthetics	3,262
1,654	General Practice	10,284
11,927	Medicine	17,367
3,227	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	3,896
3,458	Psychiatry	3,668
4,216	Radiology	3,737
8,674	Surgery	8,392
1,540	Pathology	1,645
<u>—</u>	Dentistry	<u>1,517</u>
36,959		53,768
37,389	Co-ordinators of Postgraduate Education	42,620
4,812	Pilot Study (General Practice)	8,242
600	Audit Fee	600
—	Career Guidance	3,910
—	Grants to Postgraduate Centres	2,386
—	Grants to Health Boards	17,000
<u>133</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>84</u>
125,509		178,391
2,355	Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(1,891)
	Surplus for 1981	<u>2,355</u>
	Surplus to Balance Sheet	464

Notes 1 to 4 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet as at 31 December, 1982

1981	Current Assets	1982
£		£
2,715	Debtors and Prepayments	1,911
<u>7,378</u>	Cash in Bank	<u>3,583</u>
<u>10,093</u>		<u>£5,494</u>
	Less Current Liabilities	
7,738	Creditors & Accrued Charges	5,030
<u>2,355</u>	Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	<u>464</u>
	Represented by:	
	Surplus on Income and	
<u>£2,355</u>	Expenditure Account for 1982	<u>464</u>

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

28th March, 1984.

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1

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 2

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

Note 3

General Administration:	£
Rent and Service	7,902
Rates and Insurance	1,268
Electricity Charges	336
Telephone and Postage	2,189
Stationery, Publications and Office Equipment	2,859
Meeting Expenses	1,805
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	16,359

Note 4

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, 1982.

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 Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are in agreement with them, and
- the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet together with notes 1 to 4 give, respectively, a true and fair view of the transactions of the Board for the year ended 31 December, 1982 and the state of its affairs at that date.

B.J. Caldwell
For and on behalf of the
Comptroller and Auditor General
11 April, 1984.

