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General Manager, Fareham / Gosport

Department of Medicine for Elderly People
Queen Alexandra Hospital**MEMORANDUM**

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Date: 12.02.02

MEDICAL STAFFING AT DOLPHIN DAY HOSPITAL

As from the 1st of March 2002 there will only be 3 Clinical Sessions in Dolphin Day Hospital. We have lost 3 sessions following the resignation of Dr. Rachel Sharpe, and Dr. Rachael Ross will only work on a Friday morning (she is to join the GP Retainer Scheme). Dr. Deborah Rogers' session was supernumery and there are no immediate plans for a GP Trainee to work in Gosport on a regular basis.

As I will not have a Clinical Assistant with me on a Monday morning I will only be able to see 10 patients and have informed Dolphin Day Hospital.

Unless the Clinical Assistant sessions can be increased back to 5 a week we will have great difficulty in providing a service. I feel we need to explore the following urgently:

- Advertise to local GPs. My initial enquiries have met with the response that it costs a lot more for a GP to pay a locum to cover that session in General Practice than is the current Clinical Assistant pay.
- Consider adding in 4 Staff Grade sessions to the available 6 sessions of Staff Grade time in Old Age Psychiatry in the hope that a full-time post would be more attractive.
- Possibility of a Specialist Registrar in Elderly Medicine helping out in Dolphin Day Hospital on a Monday morning.
- Look for funding for a Movement Disorder Session in DDH. This will wean out those with Movement Disorders but increase my sessional time in Dolphin Day Hospital.
- Plan for 2 full-time Staff Grade Posts at GWMH by the middle of this year.

I would be grateful for your views.

Sincerely,

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