

Fiona Cameron - General Manager

From: Fiona Cameron - General Manager
Sent: 14 September 2001 13:38
To: Peter King - Personnel Director
Subject: RE:

Happy to be there.

The background to this is:-

- John and Bob Button were discussing an increase to the bed fund to reflect use of the beds in a step down way. Became apparent that we had never rectified the overpayment created by not stopping minor injury payments when the unit closed last August.
- We wrote to the GP's informing them of our intention to reduce their payments by the amount associated with the casualty fund giving 3 months notice effective Nov 2001.
- In the meantime the discussions between John and Bob continued and John has identified £7k which he is prepared to put into paying the GP's.
- The bed /casualty expenditure is £47k. The bed fund element £13k. Therefore £34k left over.
- Bob then suggested to John that the Gp's might want to give up 6 beds, utilising 12 of the remaining 18 as GP beds and 6 of the 18 as step down. Providing of course an enhanced payment was made in respect of the step down beds.
- In response I have asked Elderly Med via Lesley if the consultant geriatricians would want to add these beds to their stock and how much it would take to increase consultant/staff grade time. Also looking at impact on nursing and therapies.
- This is likely to amount to about £15-20k.
- Johns' view is that the GP's will want the £13k (bed fund) and JK's £7k for the 18 beds, the 7 being associated with the step down element. They may of course try for more and there is the issue of additional out of hours cover to the 6 beds which they would also want to negotiate.

Hope this helps not hinders.

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From: Peter King - Personnel Director
Sent: 14 September 2001 11:25
To: Fiona Cameron - General Manager
Subject:

Hi Fiona

John Kirtley has mentioned the release of beds and gp cover to beds in sultan? apparently Bob Button has requested that I deal with this and Nita secretary here at TCO is setting up a meeting but i am very unclear about the local arrangements and would welcome your attendance to ensure i don't muck things up. Hope you can find time to help Nita will set up meeting with bob you and i at Potteries or TCO

peter