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Dear Ann

Thank you for the discussion on Friday 19th October 2001 regarding the concerns in the Department of Elderly Medicine with regard to supplying Locum Doctors to support rehabilitation at St Christopher's Hospital, in addition to existing GP cover for the 8 intermediate care beds and the remainder being continuing care.

Following our discussion and further discussions with Chrissie Immins, the decision we have reached is this:-

1. We will revert to 8 rehabilitation beds which will be covered by the General Practitioners. We will only therefore start to declare rehabilitation beds when our rehabilitation beds get below 8.
2. We will convert the other beds back to continuing care and after this week, there will be no further Locum Doctors supplied to St Christopher's Hospital.
3. The continuing care patients which will come to St Christopher's will be for the Fareham District.
4. We can receive patients who are waiting for Nursing Home in the Fareham District.
5. We will not be doing continuing care for the rest of the District, or we will not be offering a service called "waiting for placement service" for the rest of the District; unless there is a written guarantee from the social worker involved, that she will visit St Christopher's Hospital on a regular basis in order to produce the placement.

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At this point in time we have 13 rehabilitation patients, so the Office and QAH will need to bear with us for the next few weeks whilst these numbers are reduced and moved on.

Should we have further problems with QAH being overrun, I would not expect the beds at St Christopher's Hospital to be used for purposes in excess of that we have already negotiated without specific consultation between myself, Alison Grant and Nick Lewkowicz.

Kind regards

~~Yours sincerely~~

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