



# Jan Smith CRY's Administrator Reports from Cardiological Sciences St George's Hospital Medical School



## CRY to move with Professor McKenna's Unit

Some news regarding the CRY office based at St. George's. It has now been confirmed that Professor McKenna's team will be leaving St. George's Hospital in the spring of 2003. CRY has been offered the opportunity of office space within this centre. The premises are based in Central London, at the newly refurbished Heart Hospital on Wigmore Street. This means that CRY will be linked to University College London. At the time of going to print, it is anticipated that the move will occur sometime during late March or early April. Our services will work around the move

and our events will not be affected. As soon as further details are available you will all be notified with the address, fax, phone and e-mail. This is an exciting development for CRY. It will enable us to further develop our contacts within the field of Cardiology, with the support of the Cardiological Sciences unit, headed by Professor McKenna. If any of you have specific questions regarding the move, please e-mail me.



## Western Isles Update

All those reviewed in September by Dr Sharma are now in the care of the NHS. The outstanding clients are now linked into their local hospital for final tests. It is intended that a second Scottish ECG testing project

will take place in 2003. Sincere thanks go to Mr George Moody, our volunteer co-ordinator, who did a terrific job of keeping the project and everybody involved on track.

## Family Mobile Cardiac Screenings

Five family screenings have been requested and booked for 2003 to date.

25th January - Newcastle with Allan Family; 22nd February - North Wales with Doreen Harley; March 22 - Suffolk with the Fox family; April 26th - Redcar with the Bowens; 21st June - Darwen with Irene Wickers and Granville Staff.

The screening in North Wales for February is already booked out. Should you know of anyone who wishes to attend any of our events, would you please put them through to me in the first instance, rather than sending them to families directly. This is to protect the families from any potentially difficult situations.

## ECG Testings - Sally Reid

A testing session was held in Sandhurst on Saturday 28th September funded by the Lewis Marsh Fund for 48 people. A second testing was held on November

30th, again in Sandhurst. Due to the timing of the session, it was agreed that results would be held over until the New Year.

## Lecture and ECG Testing

Funded by the Craig Rampton Memorial Fund, CRY will be offering Worcester College's 2nd year Sports Science Diploma Students an ECG testing session followed by a Lecture from Dr Greg Whyte on the general interpretation of ECG readings. Students' readings will not be available on the day, but a copy of

their ECG will be returned with their result letter. This ECG testing is classed as an educational training session and can only be applied to very specific student groups. Dates will be confirmed shortly for mid March.

## Equipment Update

An ECG machine will shortly be donated through the Faculty of Building at Cardiff University at the request of now retired Chairman, Mr Price. The equipment will be housed with CADOC, Cardiff Doctors Group, who work on a voluntary basis, running an out-of-hours emergency service. A Cardiac Event Recorder has been donated to the Darwen Health Centre. This was funded by the Staff/Wickers Memorial Fund. This equipment enables patients with intermittent cardiac problems to take recordings of irregular symptoms, which have evaded normal recording methods. A Defibrillator is being donated to Twenty-Four Seven, a group of Specialist Registrars who operate a voluntary on-call group, in the Leeds area. The group is

operational on a 24-hour basis and there are seven doctors who operate a service out of hours, off site from the Hospital. The Dominic O'Loughlin Memorial Fund has met this donation. Two Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitors have been donated to the West Yorkshire Air Ambulance Team with support from the Dominic O'Loughlin Memorial Fund and the FV & E Brook Trust based in Harrogate. Current Equipment Donations are 39 ECG machines, 5 Ambulatory Monitors, 1 Defibrillator, 1 set of Cardiac Event Monitoring equipment and of course, our Cypress Echo. I hope to have some pictures for the next update of all these extraordinary donations. Thank you!