

BOARD FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (NI)

REPORT 2001

MEMBERSHIP

House of Bishops

The Rt Rev JE Moore, Bishop of Connor (Chairman)

Elected Members

Mrs SL Ayling	Mothers' Union, Down & Dromore
Rev JNT Campbell	Down, Dromore & Connor Social Services Committee
Dr J Evans	Men's Society
Rev D Ferry	Derry Diocese
Mr G Glenn	Derry Diocese
Captain C Harris	Church Army
Very Rev TR Moore	Clogher Diocese
Mrs R Mullen	Church of Ireland Youth Department
Rev J Pickering	Armagh Diocese
Mrs P Scott	Mothers' Union, Connor
Mr R Stinson	Down, Dromore & Connor Social Services Committee
Rev RC Thompson	Clogher Diocese
Mrs J Thompson	Down, Dromore & Connor Social Services Committee
Dr J Turner	Down, Dromore & Connor Social Services Committee
Rev ASJ Warke (Honorary Secretary)	Armagh Diocese
Mrs J Whiteside	Role of the Church Committee

Co-opted Members

Rev Canon GF Anderson	Ms H Miskimmin (deceased)
Mrs R Bailie (resigned September 2000)	Mr JTN McGaffin (Vice Chairman)
Rev G Clunie	Mr GS Shaw (Honorary Treasurer)
Lt Col CGH Filor	Mr TN Wilson

Staff

Mr Ian Slaine	BSR Manager
Mrs P Gilbert	Senior Social Work Practitioner
Mrs M Giff	Sessional Social Worker
Mrs M Walker	Administrator

WORK OF THE BOARD

The Board is a provider of a range of social work/care services:

The Church of Ireland Adoption Society provides social work services to women with an unplanned pregnancy, couples wishing to adopt, adult adoptees seeking access to birth records, and anyone touched by adoption.

The Fertility Counselling Service is linked to the Regional Fertility Centre at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast. This service is for couples coping with the emotional stresses associated with infertility investigations and treatments.

Financial Assistance to Families and Individuals in Need is a practical form of caring in which financial assistance is provided to people in need referred by clergy and social work agencies.

In addition the Board is involved in:

- The provision of training courses on social issues relevant to the pastoral role of clergy.
- Commenting on social issues and proposed legislation.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

The main social work services provided by the Board remain in the fields of Adoption and Fertility Counselling.

The Adoption Society provides a service to complement Statutory Social Services. In 2000 the Society developed close working relationships with a number of agencies – including Chester Diocesan Adoption Services, Cheshire Social Services, The Scottish Adoption Association and The Ulster Community and Hospitals Trust. The Society recognises ‘joint working’ as the way of maintaining present and developing future services.

The Fertility Counselling Service linked to The Regional Fertility Centre is a unique social work service provision in Northern Ireland. Mrs Patricia Gilbert, Senior Social Work Practitioner, is a member of the Executive Committee of The British Infertility Counselling Association.

In 2000 the Board welcomed Mrs Margaret Giff on a sessional social work basis. In part, her arrival helped with increasing demands for services. In addition her work ‘freed up’ time for the professional staff to attend relevant training courses. The courses and the replacement social work hours were generously funded by The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

FUNDING THE BOARD

The Board receives funding from a range of sources to meet staff and other operating costs. Sources include:

The General Synod Priorities Fund – Grant Allocation
 Parish and Diocesan Donations
 The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – Core Grant Aid
 The Regional Fertility Centre – Contract for Services Provided
 Health and Social Services Trusts – Fees for Services Provided
 Trust Funds – for Specific Work/Projects an example being Hopedene Trust
 Voluntary Donations – from Service Users

See accounts for more details.

DEATH OF MISS HELEN MISKIMMIN MBE

The death of Miss Helen Miskimmin on 14 December 2000 came as a shock to Board members and staff. Helen was a committed member of the Board who also served on the General Purpose and Finance Committee and she was Chairperson of The Adoption Panel of the Church of Ireland Adoption Society. Helen will be greatly missed by staff, Board members and users of our services.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000
(BEING AN EXTRACT FROM THE LATEST AUDITED ACCOUNTS)**

Revenue Statement

	2000		1999	
INCOME	£	%	£	%
Donations & Subscriptions				
Dioceses:				
Armagh	2,610		2,390	
Clogher	1,145		865	
Connor	5,115		3,742	
Derry and Raphoe	1,965		1,976	
Down and Dromore	4,317		5,075	
Kilmore	355		-	
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	15,507		14,048	
Church of Ireland Priorities Fund	10,000		9,000	
Dean of Belfast's Christmas Sit Out (for Fertility Counselling Work)	2,000		2,000	
Churches Welfare Association (for IT equipment & Poster campaign)	1,500		3,000	
Lloyd's TSB Charitable Trust (for publicity campaign)	1,000		1,500	
Ulster Garden Villages Trust	500		-	
Anonymous	826		1,364	
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	31,333	27.9%	30,912	30.0%
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For Services Provided				
Royal Maternity Hospital – Fertility Counselling	20,893		11,634	
Relate Courses for Clergy and other Income	4,363		4,594	
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	25,256	22.5%	16,228	15.7%
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From Investments and Funds on Deposit Including Last Year Capital Gain on Stock Disposal				
	7,766	6.9%	10,765	10.4%
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	2000		1999	
	£	%	£	%
Grants From				
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety:				
Core	32,340		31,520	
Specific	1,228		1,221	
	<u>33,568</u>	29.9%	<u>32,741</u>	31.7%
For Charitable Disbursement:				
BBC Children in Need	6,050		5,000	
Dean of Belfast's Christmas Sit Out (for persons in need)	3,000		3,000	
Lord Mayor of Belfast's Welfare Fund	2,270		2,030	
Protestant Orphan Society for The Counties of Antrim and Down	3,000		2,500	
	<u>14,320</u>	12.8%	<u>12,530</u>	12.2%
Total Income	<u>£112,243</u>	100%	<u>£103,176</u>	100%
	2000		1999	
EXPENDITURE	£	%	£	%
General				
Staff Costs	57,685	51.4%	54,158	52.5%
Other Operating Charges	35,470	31.6%	32,613	31.6%
	<u>93,155</u>	83.0%	<u>86,771</u>	84.1%
Charitable Disbursements	10,810	9.6%	13,267	12.8%
Total Expenditure	<u>£103,965</u>	92.6%	<u>£100,038</u>	96.9%
SURPLUS	<u>£8,278</u>	7.4%	<u>£3,138</u>	3.1%

Copies of the statutory accounts along with supporting schedules are available on request at the Board's office.