

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Staffing in cardiology in the United Kingdom 1988: Fifth biennial survey

SIR,—Our data (1989;62:482–7) for the number of cardiologists in Scotland that were published in our fifth biennial survey have been criticised. We have reviewed them, and, using the definition given in the paper, we accept that 14 physicians who should have been included were indeed omitted. We regret this misunderstanding which arose principally because of a difference in the designation of training posts in Scotland compared with that in England and Wales.

The errors affected tables 3 and 9 which are republished here with appropriate corrections.

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NOTICE

British Cardiac Society

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the English Riviera Centre, Torquay on 22 to 25 May 1990. The closing date for receipt of abstracts was 19 January 1990.

Table 3 Number of cardiologists (cardiovascular physicians) in Scotland by health board at 1 July 1988

Health board	Population (1987)	Cardiology only		Major interest		Total
		Adult	Paediatric	Adult	Paediatric	
Argyll and Clyde	443 128	0	0	1	0	1
Ayrshire and Arran	374 752	0	0	2	0	2
Borders	102 141	0	0	0	0	0
Dumfries and Galloway	147 036	0	0	0	0	0
Fife	344 590	0	0	0	0	0
Forth Valley	272 077	0	0	0	0	0
Grampian	502 863	3	0	0	0	3
Greater Glasgow	951 219	11	3	7	0	21
Highland	200 608	0	0	1	0	1
Lanark	563 448	0	0	3	0	3
Lothian	743 700	6	2	1	0	9
Orkney	19 338	0	0	0	0	0
Shetlands	22 429	0	0	0	0	0
Tayside	393 762	2	0	0	0	2
Western Isles	31 048	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5 112 139	22	5	15	0	42

Table 9 Scottish health boards without cardiovascular physicians at 1 July 1988

Health board	Pop without (mid 1987 estimate)
Borders	102 141
Dumfries and Galloway	147 036
Fife	344 590
Forth Valley	272 077
Orkney	19 338
Shetlands	22 429
Western Isles	31 048
Total for the 7 boards	938 659