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Springboard for achievement

I have watched the growth and success of the Island Games with interest over recent years and they are now well established and recognised as a high quality sporting event.

Should the Island be successful in the bidding process next year the sporting aspirations of youngsters will be raised and the Island Games would provide a springboard for achievement in the sports included.

On behalf of Her Majesty's Government, I am pleased to give the Isle of Wight Island Games Association our full support and very much look forward to hearing of a successful outcome to the bid next summer.

The Rt Hon Richard Caborn MP

Minister for Sport

The Island deserves the pleasures of this international but friendly meeting

As the Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council I am totally committed to promote the Island

far and wide. Therefore, I support the Island Games Association's bid to host the 2011 Island Games.

We, the Isle of Wight, have taken part in every Games since 1985; our previous honour as host Island was in 1993. There are excellent sporting facilities throughout the Isle of Wight supported by first class accommodation and highly efficient transport communications between event centres, backed up by a very strong and competent organisational team, many of whom have the necessary sports background.

I believe that the people of this Island deserve the pleasure of this international but friendly meeting, fuelled by the competitiveness between participants from the many islands involved, and look forward to lasting acquaintanceships.

John Effemey

Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council



True passion for Sport

The eyes of the world will be turning towards Britain as the London Olympics of 2012 approach. From living on the Isle of Wight I know we have a true passion for Sport, and a local community that would all be proud and delighted to host the 2011 Island Games. I give this bid my full support.

Shirley Robertson OBE

Double Olympic Gold Medallist

Welcome and Invitation



Sandy beaches, towering chalk cliffs, wildlife rich wetlands, lush green countryside, thatched cottages, unique chine gorges, sub-tropical gardens, more than 500 miles of marked footpaths and a first class record of sporting excellence : the Isle of Wight has them all.

The Isle of Wight Island Games Association has been an enthusiastic member of the International Island Games since the inaugural Games were held in the Isle of Man in 1985 and we have also participated in the World Youth Games since that event was inaugurated. We were delighted to repay the hospitality shown to us during the early Games when the Isle of Wight was awarded the 1993 Games and athletes, officials and supporters alike were able to enjoy a week of largely unbroken sunshine and keen competition.

The support and presence of the Princess Royal, Princess Anne, during the 1993 Games testified to the growing stature of the Games on the international scene and this has been endorsed since by the Princess attending the Jersey Games and The Earl and Countess of Wessex the Isle of Man.

The 1993 experience and the additional knowledge gained subsequently in Gibraltar, Jersey, Gotland, the Isle of Man, Guernsey and Shetland leads my Association, with the full support of the Isle of Wight Council, to again seek the honour of hosting the Games during 2011 as a superb introduction to the London Olympic Games of 2012.

Since 1993 our sports facilities have increased substantially and all of the proposed venues for the sports we can offer are now, or shortly will be, up to international or Governing Body standards. The Isle of Wight has a proud history of hosting international and national events, particularly on the water. Skandia Cowes Week sailing and the Admirals Cup are known throughout the sailing world. Now the home of the GB Challenge, in 2001 the Island had the honour of staging the Centenary celebrations of the Americas Cup races and we have also staged the European and British windsurfing championships, the European Extreme Sports Event, White Air, the Special Olympics for the Disabled, the National Indoor Games for the Disabled, a round of the World Beach Volleyball Championships, an annual national youth soccer tournament together with a range of other major events encompassing cycling, mountain biking, cricket, athletics etc.

We were fortunate enough to have the advice and support of the Director of the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in preparing our bid for 2007 and with such expertise to guide us, with the wealth of experience gained in 1993 and subsequent Games and with the history of sporting events listed above my Association is confident that we are sufficiently well equipped to host another very successful NatWest International Island Games in 2011.

David Ball

Chairman, Isle of Wight Island Games Association.

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No island comes this close...



Although the Isle of Wight is only a short sea crossing from the south of England, you'll feel as though you're in another country entirely when you land on the Isle of Wight. In reality, only 10 minutes from the mainland and as close as one mile, the atmosphere here is of a place far removed from the stresses and strains of urban life, so it's easy to see why the Island has taken off as a short break destination.

Over 2.7 million British and Overseas holidaymakers visit the Isle of Wight every year and many return throughout their lives. The Island brings together the very best of England, combining stunning beaches and country pubs, with a fascinating history and beautiful countryside.

Britain in Bonsai...

The Isle of Wight is often described as a microcosm of the English landscape, with chalk downland, arable farmland, small woods, dairy pasture, heathland, hay meadows, sea cliffs, estuarine creeks, sandy beaches and river valleys all contained in an area less than one-tenth the size of Hampshire.

More than half of the Isle of Wight is recognised as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, whilst much of the coastline is designated Heritage Coast, a title awarded only to coastlines of the highest quality in England and Wales. The beaches are great and Compton beach on the South West coast is considered one of the best family beaches in the world.

All sorts of attractions...

It is not just the beautiful landscape that attracts visitors to the Island; it's the variety of attractions for all. Although the Island is only 23 miles by 13 miles in size it boasts over 70 places of interest, many of national, historical importance and suitable for all age ranges.

Queen Victoria herself came to the Isle of Wight on holiday and was so enchanted by the Island that she decided to stay and her home, Osborne House, became a key location for the Oscar-winning film, Mrs Brown. Other historical attractions include Dimbola Lodge, home of world famous Victorian photographer Julia Margaret Cameron, Quarr Abbey, a working Benedictine monastery destroyed by Henry VIII and deserted until 1901 when the monks returned and built a new Abbey, and of course Carisbrooke Castle, temporary prison of Charles I during the Civil War.



Blackgang Chine theme park, one of the first in Britain, and Robin Hill Country Park are two attractions etched in the memories of generations of visitors and for real nostalgia the vintage Steam Railway provides a wonderful insight into the Island's past.

Dinosaur Island...

The Isle of Wight has an ever-increasing reputation as one of the finest sites in Europe for dinosaur remains and boasts a multi-million pound dinosaur museum in Sandown, Dinosaur Isle, which is the only one of its kind in the UK.

An activity island all year round...

Although the Isle of Wight is a great place to relax, it's also jam-packed with activities and events for those wanting to be more adventurous. The Island boasts the best Rights of Way network in the UK, making it perfectly suited to those who enjoy walking, cycling and horse riding.

Sailing

In the Summer the Island's finest natural asset comes into its own, with more than 60 miles of coastline tempting visitors and locals alike to take to the water. Yachting and water sports are a favourite pastime on the Island and the Solent is busy with boats all year round. For those who prefer the view from the shore there are plenty of perfectly placed bars and restaurants. Cowes Week is an international institution known throughout the sailing world.

Walking

Held every May, the Isle of Wight Walking Festival is the biggest walking festival in Britain and provides the ideal introduction to the Island's best-loved paths and trails. Reputed to be the walking Mecca of the South, with over 500 miles of well-maintained, signposted footpaths, the Isle of Wight offers walkers a myriad of experiences from walking in the footsteps of dinosaurs, to strolling to country pubs and sampling the Island's fabulous fare. So come and learn about the Island's unique geology, history, wildlife and culture.

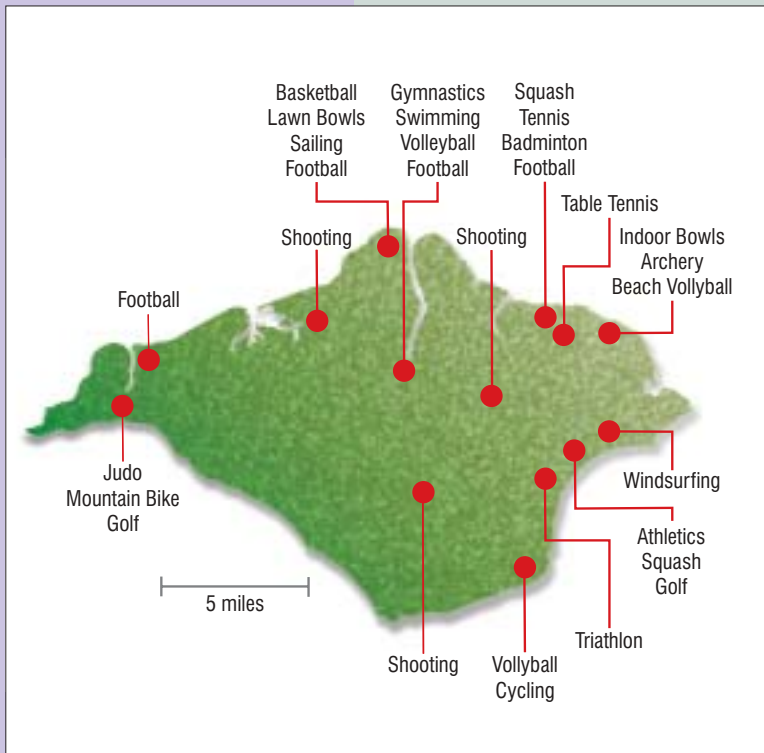
Extreme Sports

The Island is a natural centre for extreme sports with perfect wind conditions and great beaches. Each year the Isle of Wight hosts the biggest Extreme Sports Festival in Europe, White Air, an adrenaline-filled event based at Yaverland in Sandown Bay. White Air attracts top world-class competitors and high-profile sponsors, and is ranked as one of the most important events on the International circuit. Top-class surfers, kitesurfers and windsurfers take to the sea whilst on land there are international skateboard competitions, displays, free tuition and live bands every night.



Sports facilities

The Isle of Wight has an excellent range of sports centres and facilities spread throughout the Island. It is intended however, to minimise travelling for the athletes as far as is possible and the majority of the sports will be concentrated at Sandown, Shanklin, Ryde, Cowes and Newport.



Sports

The Isle of Wight proposes to host a programme of 14 sports. The Association is confident that in the light of experiences in staging the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Games (a smaller, one day event encompassing all of the sports normally included in the Island Games and more) we can host to international or Governing Body standards the eighteen sports listed in the following pages.

Athletics
 Badminton
 Bowls – Lawn and Indoor
 Cycling – including Mountain Bikes
 Shooting
 Swimming
 Volleyball – including Beach Volleyball

Archery
 Basketball
 Football – Mens and Ladies
 Golf – Mens and Ladies
 Gymnastics
 Judo
 Sailing – including Windsurfing
 Squash
 Table tennis
 Tennis
 Triathlon

Athletics

The current athletics track at Sandown was built for the 1993 Games and is soon to be completely resurfaced. The eight lane track and accompanying field events facilities are fully up to international standards and will be supplemented by a stand in time for 2011. The Isle of Wight Athletics Club will also have a new clubhouse on site in time for the Games and will offer a warm welcome to all. A comprehensive training programme for local officials is under way for all disciplines but if necessary officials from the UK mainland will come across to assist.

Events

The events included in the athletics programme are prescribed by the Byelaws of the International Island Games Association ie :

Men	100m	110m hurdles	High jump	Javelin
	200m	400m hurdles	Long jump	Discus
	400m	4 x 100m relay	Triple jump	Shot Putt
	800m	4 x 400m relay	Hammer	
	1500m	Half Marathon		
	5000m			
	10,000m	3000m Steeplechase		
Women	100m	100m hurdles	High jump	Javelin
	200m	400m hurdles	Long jump	Discus
	400m	4 x 100m relay	Triple jump	Shot Putt
	800m	4 x 400m relay		
	1500m	Half Marathon		
	5000m			

In addition there will be two new events offered – a ladies 2000m Steeplechase and track race walking at 3000 or 5000m.

Badminton

In 1993 the Island Games Badminton tournament was included in the Centenary celebrations of the Badminton Association of England and the venue, at a Ryde school, rivalled the All England tournament for atmosphere. The venue for 2011 will be the same and high quality courts imported from the UK mainland will ensure another very successful tournament.

Officials

There are no qualified officials on the Isle of Wight and the Tournament Referee and supporting officials will be brought in from the UK mainland or from competing islands.

Events

The programm is prescribed by the Byelaws of the Association and includes a Team Event, Mens and Ladies singles and doubles. All will be played in accordance with the Rules of the International Badminton Federation.





Cycling

Each year the Isle of Wight holds a cycling festival and the regular, large entries testify to the quality of the terrain for both competitive and recreational cycling. The 2011 Games events will be based at Ventnor, as in 1993.

Officials

There are insufficient officials within the Isle of Wight and accordingly officials will be brought in from the UK mainland.

Events

The events included in the cycling programme are set out below and are in accord with the requirements of the Byelaws laid down by the International Island Games Association. Mountain biking will only be run if there are sufficient competitors.

- Individual Mens and Ladies Road Race
- Individual Mens and Ladies Time Trial
- Individual Town Centre Criterium
- Mountain Biking – Individual Mens and Ladies events



Shooting

Rifle and Air Pistol

The United Kingdom gun laws prohibit a pistol shooting competition but we shall seek the dispensation granted to Manchester for the Commonwealth Games. Apart from this a full programme of events is planned at three venues :

Downend (near Newport)

- 15 firing points – Rifle
 - 50m ISSF prone rifle – pairs and individual
 - 100m ISSF 3 x 20 3p rifle – pairs and individual
 - 100m NSRA match – pairs and individual

Sandown

- Dedicated 9 point, 10 metre Air Rifle and Air Pistol range.
 - 60 shot ISSF Air pistol 10m match - pairs and individual
 - 60 shot ISSF Air Rifle 10m match - pairs and individual

Newtown Jersey Camp

- 12 point 300m range - full bore
 - 60 shot 300m ISSF full bore prone rifle - pairs and/or individual

Clay Pigeon Shooting

Venue

Based at the 1993 venue, The Isle of Wight Gun Club near Godshell, which now has a new clubhouse on the site with excellent catering facilities and is eight miles from Sandown. The range at Newtown Jersey Camp will also be used for the Skeet Competition.



Officials

There are sufficient qualified officials in the Isle of Wight to run the event in accordance with the requirements of the Technical Committee.

Events

Individual Sporting
Team and Individual ISSF Skeet
Team and Individual Olympic Trap
Individual Automatic Ball Trap

Swimming

As in 1993 the competition will be at Medina Pool, based within the Medina Leisure Centre, Newport, and will use a 6 lane, 25m pool. There will be electronic as well as manual time keeping. Spectator accommodation is limited but usually adequate. The pool is 11 miles from Sandown.

Officials

There are sufficient qualified officials in the Isle of Wight but if necessary they can be supplemented by officials from the UK mainland.

Events

The swimming programme will be in accordance with the requirements of the Technical Committee and the Byelaws of the International Island Games Association. ie:

Men and Women	50m Freestyle	200m freestyle
	50m Backstroke	200m Backstroke
	50m Butterfly	200m Breaststroke
	50m Breaststroke	200m Butterfly
	100m Freestyle	200m Individual Medley
	100m Backstroke	400m Individual Medley
	100m Breaststroke	400m Freestyle
	100m Butterfly	
	800m Freestyle (women)	1500m Freestyle (men)
	4 x 50m Medley Relay	4 x 100m Medley Relay
	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay	4 x 100m Freestyle Relay
	8 x 50m Mixed (4 men and 4 women)	Freestyle Relay





Volleyball

Also based primarily at the Medina Leisure Centre two courts will be utilised throughout the week, supplemented by another court at the Rew Valley Centre, Ventnor. There is adequate spectator provision for group matches and this will be supplemented for the final rounds at Medina.

Volleyball on the Isle of Wight is relatively dormant and accordingly most of the officials will be from the UK mainland. Hopefully the advent of the Games will revitalise this sport within the Isle of Wight.



Archery

Venue

Dependent on the number of teams entering the venue will be at Appley Fields, Ryde, ie. the same as in 1993 or at Medina Leisure Centre, Newport. The host club, Wight Bowmen, will have a new clubhouse completed at Appley Fields before 2011.

Officials

There are currently enough officials on the Isle of Wight to oversee the Tournament but if necessary these will be supplemented by officials from the UK mainland.

Events

The programme of events is in accordance with the requirements of the Archery Technical Committee and will include Team and Individual Recurve and Compound competitions for both men and women.



Basketball

Gaining interest and popularity on the Isle of Wight Basketball will be concentrated in the two sports halls at Cowes High School. A fascinating competition run in accordance with F.I.B.A. Rules is in prospect, with most officials being brought in from the UK mainland.

Officials

Whilst there are some officials on the Isle of Wight it will be necessary to supplement them with officials from the UK mainland or visiting islands.

Events

Run in accordance with FIBA Rules there will be both mens and ladies team tournaments. The final format will depend upon the number of entries and the requirements of the Technical Committee and the Byelaws.

Football

Both Mens and Ladies football will be held at the senior league grounds at Newport, Cowes, East Cowes, West Wight and Brading. All are of FIFA and FA standard and are well equipped in changing and spectator accomodation. All referees will be Level 3 referees brought in from the mainland.

Golf

A major interest sport on the Isle of Wight. Both mens and ladies competitions will be hosted by the Sandown & Shanklin and the Freshwater Golf Clubs. Both courses offer a varied and interesting challenge, particularly if the wind is blowing at Freshwater. A warm and friendly welcome awaits at both Clubs.

Gymnastics

Venue

After a dormant period this sport is again becoming popular on the Isle of Wight, with a new Centre of Excellence. The Island Games competition will be held at Carisbrooke High School, Newport, where the Centre is based, about ten miles from Sandown.

Officials

A training programme is being arranged but there will be a need to supplement local officials with some from the UK mainland.

Events

The programme will be strictly in accordance with the requirements of the Technical Committee and as detailed in the Byelaws of the International Island Games Association but will include for both Men and Women Set Floor and Vault (Individual), Set Floor and Vault (Team). For women there will also be a competition on individual four piece apparatus and for men six piece apparatus.

Sailing

The challenging waters of the Solent need no introduction to sailors throughout the world, and the Island Games competition will enhance an already glittering history of sailing at Cowes. Co-ordinated and run by the United Kingdom Sailing Academy and the Cowes Clubs the sailing programme offers a demanding and taxing week. To avoid excessive travel the sailors can be accommodated at the Sailing Academy at very reasonable costs.

Officials

There are more than sufficient qualified officials for the Island Games requirements

Events

Co-ordinated and run by the United Kingdom Sailing Academy and the Cowes Combined Clubs Committee the sailing programme, including Laser Standard rig and Laser Radial rig events, will comply with the requirements of the Island Games Byelaws and offers a demanding and taxing week





Windsurfing

The 1993 competition was held in Sandown Bay, which has since hosted the European Windsurfing Championships, rounds of the British Championships and the Extreme Air competition. It therefore remains the ideal venue for the 2011 Games and has the enthusiastic support of the local townspeople, who are now well accustomed to high quality windsurfing competition. Almost adjacent to the site of the proposed Games Village the sailors will also benefit from the support of other athletes.

Officials

There are sufficient qualified officials in the Isle of Wight to meet the needs of the Island Games competition.

Events

The competition will be organised by the Secretary of the International Windsurfing Association and will include individual events for both men and women. The intention is to use new types of board which are intended for standard use at the 2008 Olympic competition.



Judo

Missing from the Games since Gibraltar in 1995 the sport welcomes the opportunity of returning to the fold. The competition would be based at the sports centre at Freshwater. Officials will be a mix of local and UK mainland officials.

Events

The programme will include men's and women's team events as well as individual events as follows :

Extra lightweight	Half lightweight
Lightweight	Half middleweight
Middleweight	Half heavyweight
Heavyweight	Open category



Table Tennis

Since 1993 a purpose built Table Tennis Centre has been built near Ryde and will provide an excellent venue for 2011. The Isle of Wight record in table tennis at the Games is a source of pride and the Association looks forward to hosting long standing friends and opponents.

Tennis

The mens' tournament will be held at Ryde Mead Lawn Tennis Club, and the ladies' at the 1993 venue, Ryde Lawn Tennis Club relatively near at hand.

Both Clubs have had their courts resurfaced to LTA standards and offer a warm welcome to all.

The tournament referee will be a resident of the Isle of Wight and will be assisted by officials from the UK mainland.

Events

The tennis events will be Mens and Ladies singles and doubles, Mens and Ladies team event and Mixed doubles, ie those prescribed in the Byelaws of the International Island Games Association and by the Tennis Technical Committee.



Triathlon

Very successful in the Isle of Man and Guernsey this event will be based at Shanklin. The sea swim will take place between Sandown and Shanklin, whilst the cycle and running sections will be in the immediate vicinity of the town.

Events

The Triathlon will be run in accordance with the Byelaws of the International Island Games and will include team and individual events as prescribed – Swimming 1500m, Cycling 40km, Running 10km.



Squash

The Shetland Games saw this sport included for the first time and the programme for the Isle of Wight will also include a full range of Mens and Ladies singles and doubles matches. Two venues, Westridge Leisure Centre, near Ryde, and the Heights Health and Leisure Base at Sandown, will host the competition.





Bowls

A very popular sport within the Isle of Wight and commands a big following. The Clubs at Cowes will be delighted to welcome competitors from other Islands for Lawn Bowls, whilst venues at Ryde and Cowes for Indoor Bowls are fully up to standard.

Events

A full programme will be delivered in accordance with the Byelaws of the International Island Games Association, to include Singles, Pairs and Fours for both Men and Women.



Mountain Bike

The rugged terrain of the West Wight will test riders to the full and an established organisation will ensure a successful event.



Travel

The Isle of Wight has no commercial airport and therefore all arrivals will probably be by sea. Negotiations are proceeding, however, for an airlink between Bembridge and City Airport in London. By 2011, therefore, we may have a way onto the Island by air. One of our major sponsors is the Wightlink Ferry Company, who operate car ferries from Portsmouth to Ryde and from Lymington to Yarmouth, together with a fast passenger only service from Portsmouth to Ryde.

Special arrangements will be made by the Company for Island Games Teams to travel from the mainland and details will be made available nearer the Games. We are very aware that most of our visiting teams will enter England by air, to Heathrow, Gatwick, Southampton or Bournemouth and we are prepared to arrange for teams to be met at the airport and transported to the ferry ports. Transport may well take teams straight to their hotels but if not all teams will be met on entry to the Isle of Wight and transported to hotels. The same arrangements will be made for return journeys.

On the Isle of Wight there will be a comprehensive transport system to pick up competitors from hotels and take them to the Games venues, together with an ongoing round the Island service during the day between venues. All Team Managers will be supplied with a car and driver for official duties. Coach trips to various parts of the Island will also be available for competition-free days



Accommodation

All competitors and officials will be accommodated in hotels in Sandown and Shanklin and Holiday Villages at Ryde, Bembridge and Cowes. Isle of Wight Tourism have discussed the needs of the Games Teams with the hoteliers and the Villages and a good range of accommodation and prices is available between £30 and £40 a night on today's prices.

All arrangements for accommodation will be dealt with by Isle of Wight Tourism on behalf of the Isle of Wight Island Games Association.

The Games Village

It is the intention of the Organising Committee to create a Games Village on a site on Sandown sea front, within comfortable walking distance of the accommodation hotels.

Catering

There is a good range of cafes and restaurants in Cowes, Sandown, Shanklin and Ryde but for those not wishing to travel very far after competition catering venues, similar to those on the Isle of Man, will be established in Sandown, at the Heights Health and Leisure Base, and at Newport - Medina Leisure Centre. These will offer a good variety of meals during the evening until late and at sensible prices.

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Media Centre

Media interest grows with each succeeding Games and we are very aware of the need to ensure that all Islands are kept well informed by their media representatives of the progress of the teams. A Media Centre will therefore be established at Medina High School, near to the Medina Leisure Centre, to meet the needs of all media representatives. Coupled with this we are negotiating with sponsors to establish a comprehensive results service from all Games venues to the main Games Office and the internet Web Site.

Games Office

A fully staffed Games Office will be established at Sandown, which will be the nerve centre of the Games.

Organisation of the Games

The proposed dates for the Games are **26th June to 3rd July 2011**.

An Organising Committee is in embryo form and will take up its role if the Isle of Wight is successful in this bid to host the Games. In line with established practice we propose to establish a limited Company that will have sole responsibility for organising the Island Games. Our bid is fully supported by the Isle of Wight Council and we can confidently guarantee that we have the necessary expertise and experience to host a memorable Games.

Medical Services

The Isle of Wight Healthcare Trust have confirmed that any athlete or official requiring accident or emergency treatment which does not necessitate hospital admission will be treated at St Marys Hospital free of charge. Medical problems requiring admission or further visits to the hospital will be dealt with free of charge where there are reciprocal arrangements between the United Kingdom and other countries. Where reciprocal arrangements do not exist however, the person(s) concerned will be treated and then required to provide details of their insurance so that a claim for payment can be made by the Trust.