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## BETTER HEALTH CARE

The Faro nursing school, closed for seven years due to administrative problems, was reopened on May 4. By 1985, it is hoped that there will be 90 nurses training there.

It has been the severe shortage of nurses and other technical staff that has kept so many of the Algarve's hospital beds unused. A new ward at the Lagos hospital, with beds and equipment supplied by foreign residents in the area, has yet to receive a patient, even though it was officially opened five months ago. And the fine new hospital in Faro is only partially used.

One of the reasons for the shortage of staff is the high rents that are asked for houses and apartments in the Algarve. The Health Authorities now to get together with local Housing Commissions to make arrangements for accommodating much-needed medical staff at rents they can afford.

Meanwhile, plans have been announced for new Health Centres at S. Bras de Alportel, Vila do

Bispo and Monchique. And the hospitals at Tavira, Olhão, Loulé, Silves and Lagos are to be helped to achieve their full potentials.

Many foreign residents in the Algarve choose to use the facilities of the British Hospital in Lisbon, with its English-speaking doctors and nurses. This hospital offers private rooms or wards for in-patients, and a daily out-patients clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.

Now the British Hospital has launched an appeal for a modernisation programme that is to cost eight million escudos. Contributions will be doubly appreciated; for the British Community Council has arranged that donations to the fund will also count towards a wedding present for Prince Charles and Lady Diana.



### WHY JILL IS LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO WEARS COWBOY BOOTS AND PURPLE PYJAMAS

Jill Donaldson from Liverpool, England, arrived at Faro airport on Friday, May 22, and took a taxi to the apartment she had rented in Albufeira. But she didn't travel alone. A stranger, "a tall, slim man of about 40", also bound for Albufeira, asked if he could share the taxi with her.

At Albufeira, the stranger explained that he was meeting some friends before proceeding to his destination, and asked Jill if he might leave his brown Samsonite suitcase with her for a few hours.

She has not seen him again.

After three days, Jill opened the suitcase to see if she could discover the owner's name and perhaps an address where he could be staying. All she found were some Tagamet ulcer tablets, a pair of size 10 cowboy boots, a razor, an assortment of shirts and underwear, and some purple pyjamas with a nude girl embroidered on the front of the jacket.

Jill will be in the Algarve until June 12. Claims for the suitcase should be made to Algarve News.

Your wedding present for  
Prince Charles & Lady Di

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