



**Ministry
of Health**

PENHILL CLINIC NEEDED

A Further approach is to be made to the Minister of Health by Wiltshire County Council's Health Committee, concerning the need for clinic recommendation at Penhill, Swindon.

The Committee has been told that the Ministry of Housing was unable to sponsor a clinic as part of a joint building to be erected at Penhill by Swindon Town Council and had referred the matter to the Ministry of Health.

A letter from the Ministry of Health informed the committee that the cost of clinic premises at Penhill, whether or not on the same site and architecturally connected with the estate common room, would have to be met by the County Council as local health authority. It would also be necessary to obtain the approval of the Minister of Health.

LOAN DELAY

It was unlikely, the letter added, that the Minister would be able to approve loan sanction for new clinic in the Penhill area for a considerable time. He would, however, be prepared to consider the need for a clinic if supplied with information regarding population, existing clinic facilities and the resources it was proposed to hold.

If need were established the Minister would in due course, consider plans.

In addition to asking the County Medical Officer to send detailed information to the Minister of Health, the committee is to tell the Minister it feels that the most economical way at providing the facilities at Penhill would be for premises to be built at the same time as the common room being built by the Town Council.

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