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Dr R W Johnson
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Dear Dr Johnson

I am writing to you requesting an extra session to my present operating commitment at Bristol Children's Hospital. At the present time I operate on alternate Wednesday mornings, the other Wednesdays are Mr Wisheart's all day operating lists.

As you are well aware, we have been designated as a Supra-Regional Speciality Centre dealing with the paediatric cardiac problems. As a result, an increasing amount of work has been coming from all parts of the South West and also from the South Wales. Over the past one year, between Mr Wisheart and myself, we have operated on more than one hundred and twenty infants and children to palliate or cure their paediatric cardiac surgical conditions. Having been given only one half day list in a fortnight, my Waiting List to deal with these problems has progressively lengthened and many of these cases I have been operating as an emergency in the evenings or during the weekend. Some of these would have been operated during the routine hours if I had an operating session allocated to me during the week.

Please forgive me if I have taken this liberty of looking into any possibility of another operating session myself. On close examination of the operating programme at the Bristol Children's Hospital, I found that one session in the morning on Monday is still empty. I have used this session at times with agreement of parties concerned. At the present time it appears that Dr David Hughes the Consultant Anaesthetist is willing to provide me with a cover if this was allocated to me on a regular basis.

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