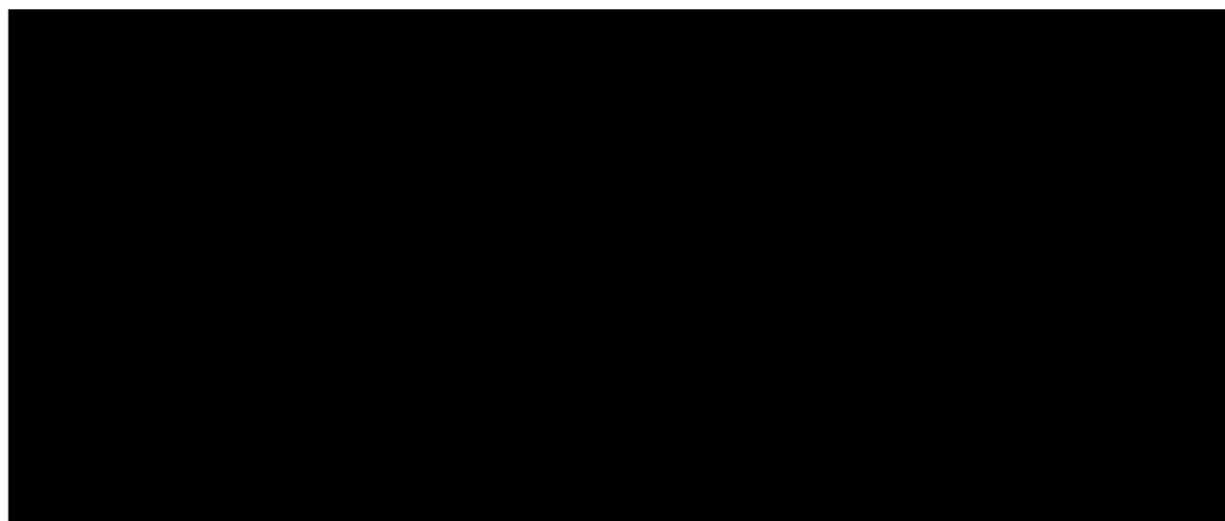


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Dear M<sup>s</sup> O'Brien

re the Bristol Royal Infirmary Inquiry

Thank you for your letter. I can confirm I was a General Paediatrician during the period of the review (now retired).

My experience of the Paediatric Cardiac Services in Bristol is very limited. My patients were mainly referred to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children (GOS) or to Southampton; personal acquaintance with a cardiologist in London was part of the reason for the referral pattern.

Before we had paediatric cardiac services in Cardiff (dedicated) we were served and advised by an excellent adult Cardiologist who would also have referred children outside Cardiff, whether to Bristol I am not sure.

I do have one recollection of a rather unsatisfactory post-operative arrangement when a baby needed emergency admission on my "intake", who had recently undergone cardiac surgery in Bristol.

I felt that neither the parents nor any of the local medical practitioners had received sufficient information so that when complications arose the care of the baby was seriously compromised. Even after telephone discussion (I believe with Mr Wisheart) there seemed a certain lack of support and interest. As I recall I believe the case eventually had a satisfactory outcome.

I am sorry I cannot be of more help.

Yours sincerely

Corinna Weaver