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Mr. J. W. Owen,  
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18th December, 1987

Dear Mr. Owen,

As you are no doubt aware, on 2nd November 1987 I wrote to Dr. Crompton, Chief Medical Officer for Wales, regarding children's cardiology and cardiac surgery services for Wales. I understand that this matter has now been referred to yourself.

Since that time we have not received a clear response from yourself and, unfortunately, the situation within this District is becoming increasingly difficult and it is therefore necessary to take some action on this matter. We have now decided that as from 1st February 1988 we are unable to receive any new patients aged over 1 year from Wales. I should emphasise that although no new cases in this category can be accepted until agreement on appropriate funding is reached, I would anticipate that in the case of children under the age of 1 year there should not be difficulty with reaching agreement via the D.H.S.S. for supra-regional funding.

We have, of course, discussed this matter with our professional staff, who are aware of the decision, and, as indicated in previous correspondence, we will be pleased to meet and discuss the implications and explore any possible alternative way forward if you so wish.

No doubt you will be informing the appropriate Health Districts of the situation. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. J. Roylance  
District General Manager

c.c. Miss C. Hawkins, Regional General Manager