

The meeting was open to all members of staff concerned with the care of children with congenital heart defect as demonstrated with the circulation list of the above letter. However this was mostly attended by members of paediatric cardiac medical and surgical staff and also by nursing and technical staff from the catheter lab. Dr Peter Wilde the consultant cardiac radiologist and/or his staff and Mrs Helen Vegoda from the paediatric cardiac family support services also attended these meetings from time to time. Others like anaesthetists and junior members of surgical staff were not able to attend these meetings on a regular basis because of their clinical commitment elsewhere in the same hospital or at BRI.

#### Records collection and storage:

The data presented to these meetings were collected manually by the presenter, mostly consultants. Dr Martin being the co-ordinator of these meetings has kept records of these meetings and prepared reports, some of which were submitted to the GMC especially the one relating to the Arterial Switch audit, presented by me in May 1992. Some other examples could be seen in core bundles of the Inquiry, on pages UBHT\0130\00000005.000, UBHT\0130\00000007.000 – 00000008.000 and also on pages UBHT\0130\00000014 – 00000019.000.

#### Data anonymity and confidentiality:

Most of the data was in form of figures but in cases of review, individual or series patient's name used to appear mostly in abbreviated form. The meeting itself was open to all members of staff related to paediatric cardiology and cardiac surgery, however the confidentiality of the data was broken at least on two occasions, when figures relating to Tetralogy of Fallot and Arterial Switches appeared in the media (Private Eye 1992). This did have some negative effect on the conduct of these meetings.