

**RESPONSE OF JAMES D WISHEART TO THE WRITTEN STATEMENT OF
KAY ARMSTRONG,**

REFERENCE NO WIT 0123/0001-0016

1 PARA 24 AND 37

“...there would sometimes be a long wait before the Consultants arrived which I felt was dangerous. Mr Wisheart was the main offender, Mr Dhasmana would usually come when asked.”

Comment

- There is a practical problem in that the time taken to anaesthetise and place the patient on by-pass was extremely variable, and could range from a little over one hour up to three hours. I was always in the hospital at or immediately after 0800, but did not feel that I could simply spend the time waiting in the theatre suite. Therefore I sought to do something useful waiting to be called when needed.
- In order to be in theatre when needed I expected to be called a sufficient time ahead to enable me to get to theatre, change and scrub. This did not always happen and I do recall asking to be called earlier on quite a number of occasions.

- I had as great an interest as everyone else in completing the theatre work as punctually as possible.
- If this was perceived to be a major issue, it was not drawn to my attention at the time in those terms by either the nursing or anaesthetic staff.

2. PARA 40

"Mr Wisheart was our Director for a lot of the time. We felt quite intimidated by him although he is very charming. It was difficult to stand up to him and raise criticisms or problems."

Comment

I am very disappointed at this comment, as I sought to create the opposite impression.