

continued to carry out a proportion of cardiac post-mortems at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. In 1983 the first full-time Consultant Paediatric Pathologist at the Bristol Children's Hospital (myself) was appointed on the retirement of Dr Brown. This post was part-funded by the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood Trust for the first 3 years, when the Bristol and Weston Health Authority took over the full cost of my salary.

5. I had trained and qualified in general histopathology at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, taking a special interest in paediatric pathology. I was attracted to sub-specializing in paediatric pathology because of the potential I saw to help children and their parents. No suitable training post was available in the UK, and so I spent approximately 18 months as Fellow in Paediatric Pathology at the Denver Children's Hospital, Colorado, USA. This hospital took cases from 8 States. I received training in specialized paediatric pathology, including paediatric cardiac morphology and post-surgical autopsy techniques.
6. The paediatric pathology service at BCH was responsible for providing a diagnostic biopsy service and an autopsy service to BCH and the Bristol Maternity Hospital, as well as for a number of tertiary regional and sub-regional services such as neonatology, neonatal surgery, paediatric surgery, and paediatric oncology. Other specialised regional and supra-regional services such as bone marrow transplantation, fetal medicine and paediatric gastroenterology were added later.
7. In 1984 I had an office in the Bristol Children's Hospital, a senior registrar and a share of a secretary in the Bristol Maternity Hospital. Technical work was contracted out to the histology laboratory of the University School of Medical Sciences in Bristol. In addition to carrying out post-mortem examinations at the Bristol Children's Hospital, post-mortems were also carried out by me at the City Mortuary, at Southmead Hospital, and occasionally at Ham Green and Frenchay Hospitals. There was no identified budget for paediatric pathology and so there were limitations on what I was able to achieve in the early years.