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34. I think it is appalling that it has taken so long for this information to come into the public domain and to be acted upon. Lauren was operated on in 1988 and I accept that she was one of the very first to be dealt with by Mr Dhasmana. I therefore accept that there may have been no trend at that stage and that insofar as Lauren is concerned it might not be appropriate to complain about the failure to disclose the actual morbidity rate. However, as a mother and a member of the public, I do have serious concerns about the management of the hospital, from at least 1990 onwards because they should have made sure that the significant losses of childrens lives was investigated. The fact that they did not do so means that they failed both in their duty to the individual children as well as their duty to the general public which the hospital served.

35. My second main complaint is the way that I found out that, there were concerns about the Paediatric Cardiac surgery. Although I was vaguely aware that there were matters being investigated concerning Mr Wisheart, it was not until the end of the GMC Inquiry that I first heard the name of Mr Dhasmana. I immediately rang the help line number at the Bristol Childrens Hospital and was put in touch with one of the Bristol Heart Childrens Action Group members. On speaking to Samantha Harris she said that she had a list of those children concerned. She was able to give me Lauren's date of birth and date of death but did not have Lauren's