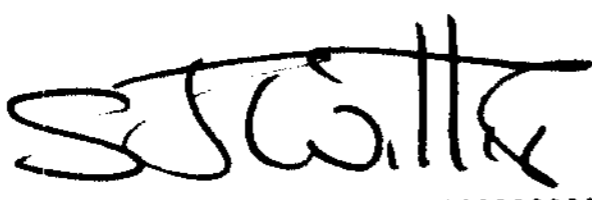


most important matter which concerns my wife and I is that of the consent which we gave to Daniel's operation. I do not need to repeat the part of my statement where I specifically asked Mr Dhasmana for (a) Daniel's chances of survival and subsequently (b) whether Bristol was the best place for him to be. If my wife and I had received the true statistical information or a true reply to my second question I can say without any fear at all that we would have insisted that Daniel be operated on at the Centre where he had most chance therefore was the consent valid. Taking into account either of the criteria which I requested Bristol was not that place.

31. I would further like to add that from a personal viewpoint and I know I also speak for Michaela, our confidence in the medical profession is not totally shattered as the experiences we have had since both with Dr Richardson and most importantly our local GP surgery in Braunton who go out of their way to ensure their patients are more than adequately cared for both physically and mentally and give us a strong belief that whilst undoubtedly in such a vast and complex profession as medicine there will probably always be malpractice. A substantial majority of Health Workers and Doctors are not only dedicated and professional but unlike Messrs Wisheart, Dhasmana and Roylance and others, they actually care very deeply about people.

Signed:  Dated: 31-8-99