

13. The operation took place in June 1986 and Sarah was out after about ten days. I remember that we were allowed to stay at the parents' hostel run by the Bristol Heart Circle. The operation went quite well and Mr Wisheart popped in every day and kept an eye on her.
14. Every couple of years after that she had a cardiac catheterisation and these showed that the narrowing of her arteries had still not improved. I remember Mr Wisheart took the precaution of seeking a second opinion and he contacted Great Ormond Street Hospital in London to ask whether they considered he was doing the right thing in considering a fontan operation.
15. When we went up for the operation in April 1992 Mr Wisheart told me that there were risks but he advised us that she should have the operation. The operation took place on 9 April 1992 and took about twelve and a half hours.
16. Mr Wisheart explained that the operation had gone OK but the next few days would be critical. We took every day as it came and Sarah was sedated for about fourteen days.
17. We noticed that Mr Wisheart would often be in the ward at 1 o'clock in the morning. He seemed as much concerned about me and my husband as about Sarah and was always asking "Is Mum alright, is Dad alright?"
18. Sarah has progressed very well. She had to attend a special school until she was 16 and then she went to a normal sixth form college. She then did a GNVQ in Health and