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#### NEONATAL AND INFANT CARDIAC SURGERY

I apologise for failing to get a paper to you before now. Unfortunately we have been under considerable pressure in a number of areas, not the least undertaking contract discussions within the Supra Regional Services for the following financial year. I attach a draft paper for your consideration. I would appreciate any comments you wish to make on the paper as early in January as you can possibly make it. We are aiming to have papers finalised and circulated to members by 20 January.

I appreciate that the conclusions reached in this paper are not ones that you will find easy to support. I have, however, reviewed all the options with a number of colleagues and it is difficult to refute the logic of the conclusions given the problems of remaining within the supra regional criteria and continuing the designation of the service.

Kind regards  
Yours sincerely

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