

Janardan Prasad Dhasmana

Response to Ms Julia Thomas' statement

I Janardan Prasad Dhasmana served the Bristol Royal Infirmary and the Children Hospital as a Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon from 1st January 1986 to 9th September 1998.

1. I have known Ms Julia Thomas for about twenty years since the time she joined the cardiac unit as a staff nurse in 1976 and rising through the ranks to become Clinical Nurse Manager in 1988.
2. I have had a very good working relationship with during this period. I have no specific rebuttal comment on her statement but would like to present my explanation on her comments about me in the paragraph 96 on page 17.
3. Ms Thomas worked with me for about 20 years and therefore could read me well. She also has a sense of humour, which could ease tension in stressful situation.
4. I do know that in mid nineties I was under lot of pressure and a bit more outspoken in my remarks during the ward rounds. I could be seen as being abrupt, without myself being aware of it. Ms Thomas could remind me and I would go back and apologise to the nurse concerned if I hurt her feelings.
5. I am not aware if she has any other incident in mind, which I would endeavour to explain once cited.

Signed: Janardan Prasad Dhasmana

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