

**RESPONSE OF JAMES D WISHEART TO THE STATEMENT OF
MRS DIANE KENNINGTON, DATED 7.7.99**

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I am responding to the statement because I was asked to do so by Charlotte Martin, Solicitor to the Inquiry in her letter of 12.7.99. She asked me to comment on Paras 9-27 and Annexe 5

1. PARAS 9-11: CORONER'S POST MORTEMS

Comment:

I believe that what Mrs Kennington describes is correct for most of the families of paediatric cardiac surgical patients but there were probably some exceptions.

2. PARAS 12-13: DEATH FOLLOWED BY REQUEST FOR HOSPITAL POST-MORTEM.

Comment:

The procedure described here was rarely used by the families of the paediatric cardiac surgical patients.

3. PARAS 14-17: ITU

Comment:

Para14: no comment.

Paras 15-17: These do not apply to cardiac surgery

4. PARAS 18-22: THE CONSENT FORM

Comment:

This consent form is for Hospital post-mortems. In Paediatric cardiac surgery nearly all post-mortems were Coroner's post-mortems.

5. PARA 23: MY CHANGED ROLE AFTER 1994

These paragraphs concern the Division of Medicine only, and therefore I have no comment to make.

6. ANNEX 5.

This correspondence between Mrs Kennington and Dr Roberts relates to the Division of Medicine only and therefore I have no comment to make.