

**RESPONSE OF JAMES D WISHEART TO THE WRITTEN STATEMENT OF
PAUL FORREST, H M CORONER FOR AVON.**

The statement provided to me is undated, unsigned and has no Reference Number.

NUMBER OF DEATHS REPORTED TO THE CORONER

Page 2, Para 4: "From my records I can say that nine (9) deaths were reported to me, either by the hospital or the Registrar of Deaths, from January 1993 to the Spring of 1995.

COMMENT

I have been invited to comment on this paragraph.

It is not clear whether the figure of '9' refers to all hospital deaths, all cardiac surgical deaths or all paediatric cardiac surgical deaths. Therefore I cannot comment, other than to say that I would have expected a higher number. Professor Berry's records may give an indication of the number of Coroner's Post mortems following paediatric cardiac surgery which were carried out in this period.