

THE BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY INQUIRY
Professor Vann Jones' Comments on the Statement of Dr Christopher Monk

A. Statement dated 01.07.99

Paragraph 1, page 1.

I was not aware that the Paediatric Cardiac Surgical Service had ever been defined by the Trust as to be contained within the Cardiac Directorate. When I was appointed as Director of the newly created Directorate of Cardiac Services in October 1993 my understanding was that part of my task in establishing it was to set out what was, and what was not, included in the Directorate. So far as I was concerned Paediatric Cardiac Surgery did not fall within the ambit of the Directorate and this was reflected in its funding which was defined and separate from that of the Directorate.

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Dr Monk and I did discuss matters from time to time but we did not have formal meetings as such.

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I agree with Dr Monk's table save that I would have placed Paediatric Cardiac Surgeons under the Paediatric Directorate.

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I agree with Dr Monk's statement at paragraph 33: we were both concerned to progress matters.

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I believe it is correct that I attended the meeting referred to in paragraph 53 but I regret that I have no recollection of what happened in the course of it.

Signed 

Dated 1/12/99