

Janardan Prasad Dhasmana
Statement
in response to Chris Monk's Statement

I, Janardan Prasad Dhasmana served the Bristol Royal Infirmary and the Children's Hospital as a Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon from 1 January 1986 to 8 September 1998. I have been asked by the Inquiry to provide my comments on paragraphs 24, 29 and 89 of Dr Monk's unsigned and undated Statement.

Paragraph 24:

1. On 11 January 1995, during the day time, I had general discussions on an informal basis with the various anaesthetists about the proposed meeting that evening. There were no detailed discussions and I would have merely mentioned to the various anaesthetists that there will be detailed discussions about this operation at the meeting later on. As far as I can recall, my informal discussions during the daytime would have been with Drs Masey, Underwood, Pryn, and Monk.
2. However I cannot recollect having any lengthy meeting with Dr Monk save for the above mentioned discussions. I cannot recall him telling me not to operate on Joshua Loveday nor any discussions by him trying to persuade me not to operate. I also cannot recollect any comment by me accepting not to operate although I was concerned that I might be persuaded to operate.

Paragraph 29:

3. Following the media publicity when Dr Bolsin was criticising both James Wisheart and myself, we were advised by the Medical Protection Society that we should not work with Dr Bolsin on planned paediatric cases.

Paragraph 89:

4. I cannot recollect having any arguments with Dr Monk about him, as Clinical Director, not being allocated any medical time in the intensive care. Instead, during

this time, I was aware of discussions for more funding in order to have dedicated intensivists on call 24 hours a day. I was having discussions with Dr Monk and the other anaesthetists in having this implemented but although no one was against this proposal, the funding for it was unfortunately not available and therefore it was a gradual process before it took place.

Dated:.....Janardan Prasad Dhasmana.....
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Dated:.....17 Nov. '99.....