

On the 22nd July 1992 Dr Bolsin informally discussed his concerns about the continuing paediatric cardiac surgery problem with me and Dr N.B. Williams, at that time NHS Clinical Director of Anaesthesia. By that time Dr Andrew Black, Senior Lecturer in the (then) University Department of Anaesthesia, had agreed to assist Dr Bolsin with the statistical assessment of his data gathered between 1989 and 1992, and Dr Bolsin was proposing to collect further specific data relating to certain operations such as the "switch" operation.

While I was aware that Dr Black and Dr Bolsin were analysing what data they had available, I did not consider that these activities in any way constituted an official involvement of either the University Department of Anaesthesia, or the University of Bristol, in a matter which was essentially a problem relating to an NHS service. For these reasons I saw no reason, at that time, to discuss these matters with Professor Gordon Stirrat, then Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

**N5:** I was not aware of any actions taken, or not taken, by Dr Roylance in this respect. By the time that events became more serious (1994) I had been elected President of the Royal College of Anaesthetists, (see below) and I was spending only three half-days per week in Bristol. I was not kept informed of details concerning the paediatric cardiac problem, nor was my further involvement sought by Dr Bolsin.

**N6, N7:** I have no comments to make on these issues.

**N8:** I was elected President of the Royal College of Anaesthetists in March 1994 and took office in June 1994 for a period of three years. During that time I was not consulted officially concerning the developments in Bristol, nor was I asked to make any representations to the President of the Royal College of Surgeons. Although I met