

hospital be put nearer the top of the tree in this respect rather than where it was?

A Yes, I think it ends on a reasonably optimistic note.

Q You do not in that letter ask specifically for the chief executive to do anything, do you?

A No, I am raising a concern.

Q When I say you do not ask him to do anything, clearly you have asked at the bottom of the letter for a reply. Also it is fair to say, is it not, that you do not there say that you have a belief that children were dying unnecessarily?

A No, I did not say that in the letter.

Q Or that that even might be the case?

A It is not in the letter.

Q You did not make the complaint that you were not getting access to data you wanted to have access to?

A No, that is not in the letter.

Q Or that systems were not being set up which you felt ought to be set up?

A No, that is not in the letter. The statement about the concerns was relating to your question about my state of mind, and that is not a letter.

Q Did you know Dr Roylance came from a background of being a consultant radiologist?

A Yes, I did.

Q With no experience in cardiac work?

A No, but I knew he was a highly regarded radiologist locally.

Q I take it from an earlier answer that you did not copy this letter to Mr Wisheart?

A No.

Q Did you expect it to be drawn to his attention?

A I assumed that a matter of concern in mortality in the unit of the senior paediatric cardiac surgeon would be brought to his attention, yes.

Q The response you got from Dr Roylance was not in writing but he telephoned you, is that the position?

A Yes.

Q Did he suggest that you talked to Mr Dean-Hart?

A No.

Q Are you sure about that?

A I am pretty sure, yes.