

**Section Three  
ASPECTS OF CARE**

3.1 For the purposes of preparing this report, the authors have had access to all CCNR review report forms. In this section of the report, we consider the themes emerging under each aspect of care in turn, taking into account the grades and comments given to all 100 procedures within the 80 cases. The review teams considered thirteen aspects of care in all, grouped according to three broad headings: pre-operative care, surgical care, post-operative care. They were also asked to assess the adequacy of the post-mortem where one took place. When care was "less than adequate" a comment usually accompanied the grading. In the tables which follow, each aspect of care is identified by a letter, A-M. The letters are assigned to each aspect of care as follows:

<b>Pre Operative Care</b>	
A	Timing and appropriateness of initial referral/condition on arrival
B	Clinical assessment and management
C	Accuracy and completeness of diagnosis
D	Appropriateness of initial treatment strategy
E	Timing of planned treatment
F	Immediate pre-operative management including nursing
<b>Surgical Care</b>	
G	Surgical Procedure
H	Perfusion
I	Anaesthetic
<b>Post Operative Care and Assessment</b>	
J	Post operative - medical/ITU care
K	Post operative – surgical care
L	Post operative – paediatric cardiological care
<b>Post Mortem</b>	
M	Post mortem

**Figure 6 – Distribution of grades for all aspects of care, 100 procedures**

ALL 80 CHILDREN, 100 PROCEDURES													
Grade	Aspect of Care												
	Pre Operative Care						Surgical Care			Post Operative Care			Post Mortem
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1		1	4	4	3		2		1	3	1		4
2	2	4	3	5	3		7	3	3	6	6	3	4
2/3							1					1	
3	4	5	5	5	14	3	8	9	13	10	5	7	5
3/4					1		3						
4	86	90	88	83	79	96	79	58	83	69	75	69	26
X						1		4		2	2	8	7

n.b. For each of the 100 procedures assessed, reviewers did not always give a grade for each of the thirteen aspects of care.

This table shows the grades for each aspect of care in turn and captures information from all review forms.