

THE CHAIR OF CARDIAC SURGERY IN BRISTOL

INTRODUCTION

I am honoured to be asked to consider applying for the prospective appointment in Bristol. I am grateful for the generosity and hospitality shown by you all and I would like to state what excellent hosts you were to me on my recent visit.

The paper presented here represents my thoughts gleaned as a result of a single visit to Bristol and a consideration of some of the aspects of the appointment which I consider to be most important. Since the views represented are on the basis of only one visit, there are likely to be some inaccuracies in interpretation and possibly some errors of fact. I hope that you will forgive those. However, I have tried to be as accurate as possible, and to give you an honest statement of my views and potential requirements.

HISTORY

I have seen and read the documents outlining the proposal for the Chair and the various annual reports for cardiac surgery in Bristol. My comments are based on these documents and on an assumed current practice of approximately 600 open heart surgical procedures, 150 congenital open heart surgical procedures and 200 closed cased split equally between the two age groups. I also take as a base for further discussion the understanding that my appointment would be on the basis of my paediatric experience, and that, therefore, I would be undertaking, clinically, a