

Further, we were able to discuss the specific procedure which [REDACTED] will undergo in the near future namely the Fontan operation in which our overall results for the last five years are comparable to the United Kingdom results and in the last 18 months our results have been particularly good.

Copies of the figures which we put before the [REDACTED] are enclosed for your interest. From them you will see that our overall results are extremely close to the UK results. That our results for Fallot's Tetralogy appear to be less good than the National results, chiefly because of an excess number of deaths occurring in the treatment of this condition in 1990. There are other conditions in which our results are better than those for the Country as a whole.

I believe that Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] were reassured by this conversation, but we insisted that they should go home and consider their position before making a decision as to whether [REDACTED] should have his operation in Bristol as planned or go elsewhere. If their choice is the latter they were assured that we would facilitate and help them in making the arrangements.

Turning to the more general considerations of this matter we have made a firm decision to enter into absolutely no discussion or debate with Private Eye, but on the suggestion of the Chairman of the Trust it is likely that we should circulate to the Paediatricians whose children we serve a regular report on the results of our work.

If we can be of further help to you in this matter please let us know.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive