

Minutes of meeting

Paediatric Cardiac Club, the third meeting was held at [REDACTED] on Tuesday 5th May 1987.

Present:                   Dr S C Jordan  
                               Dr H S Joffe  
                               Dr J O'Higgins  
                               Dr S Masey  
                               Dr P Wilde  
                               Mr J P Dhasmana  
                               Mr J D Wisheart

The main item on the agenda was to discuss the future scope and shape of Paediatric Cardiac Surgery in Avon.

It was unanimously agreed that we should look into a draft proposal, if open heart surgery can be performed at the Bristol Children's Hospital, but the difficulty of the problem was expected, with future resources. One would also have to look into our connection with South Wales. The claim would be better supported if we could show that the number of infants and children requiring open heart surgery would increase.

- 1) With persistent Welsh connection.
- 2) Increase in type of surgery for complex congenital heart problems and projected decrease in age of these patients accepted for surgery.

It was suggested that we should draft a proposal for open heart surgery at the Children's Hospital. May be in two forms:-

- 1) With Welsh connection
- 2) Without

and discuss this at our future meeting with a view to decide our future plan of action. Mr Dhasmana with the help of Mr Wisheart would prepare a draft for such a proposal.

Mr Wisheart is going to arrange a symposium/discussion on the present status and the future plan for Fontan operation. It would be discussed in one of our Thursday meetings. Drs Joffe and Jordan appreciate that there has been an increase in the number of children operated on under one year of age in the last calendar year. They have also agreed to refer babies with transposition of great arteries at an earlier age so that they could be operated on before their first birthday.

The next meeting of the Paediatric Club will be held on Wednesday 1st July 1987 at Dr Wilde's residence.