

2. (D3) The source of information on the standards of treatment and care at Bristol came mainly from the paediatric cardiologists who carried out the combined cardiac clinics with us and themselves arranged the necessary referral for surgical procedures. The parents of children who I subsequently saw at the follow up clinics had no complaints about the service that they had received.
3. (D4) It was the visiting paediatric cardiologists from Bristol who actually made the decision with regard to referring to Bristol rather than any other site, but as I pointed out in my introductory paragraph, the service which we were receiving from Bristol was a vast improvement than that which we had received from Cardiff previously. I should point out once again however that that was before the appointment of paediatric cardiologists and paediatric cardiac surgeons at Cardiff.

I believe on one occasion that a child was referred to Birmingham but this again would have been the decision of the paediatric cardiologist who was with us at the time.

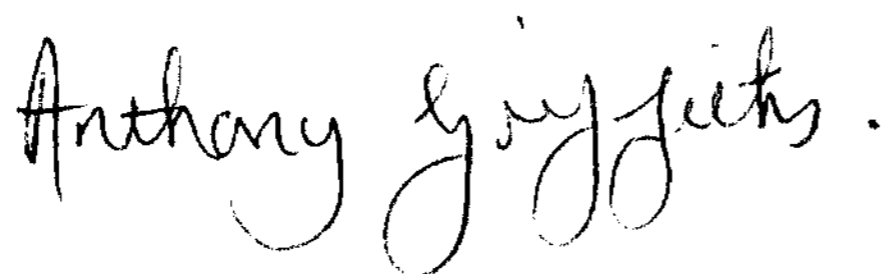
4. (D5) As in my answer to D4 above I believe that we may have referred one child to Birmingham, but again this would have been on the advice of the visiting paediatric cardiologist.
5. (D8) Information to parents at the time of referral regarding prognosis and treatment at Bristol would have been given by the visiting paediatric cardiologist.

In conclusion, Bristol have always given us a good service and to the best of my knowledge we have had no problems with the children whom we have referred. We have however been highly dependent on the advice given to us by the Bristol cardiologists.

I hope this information is of some use to you. If I can help in any further way perhaps you could let me know.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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