

b) **Bath and North East Somerset (BANES)** - Avon Health was now taking over purchasing responsibility for Bath and North East Somerset, with a budget of £500m and a population of 1m. Mr McKinlay and Mr Ross had met Ms Pamela Charlwood, Chief Executive of Avon Health, to discuss the implications for Avon, and it was felt that conclusions reached following the Avon Review could now be on hold until the implications of BANES were clarified.

c) **Paediatric Cardiac Surgery**

Mr Dhasmana had now accepted a new job plan and had withdrawn from Paediatric Cardiac Surgery. Co-operation with the Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon in Birmingham had been arranged to support Mr Pawade.

Mr Marc de Leval was in the process of producing a commentary on the corrected figures for five years of audit results in Paediatric Cardiac Surgery. Mr Ross continued to be in close communication with Dr Gabriel Scally of the NHS Executive South and West who was acting as the main contact for the Department of Health.

A new report had been produced by Dr Bolsin which had not been circulated outside UBHT. Mr Ross had sent a copy to Dr Scally and Dr Bolsin had agreed that any further contacts with the Department of Public Health would be through Dr Scally. Dr Bolsin has been offered a job in Australia and had requested compensation for what he considered to be constructive dismissal.

Still to be decided, on the arrival of the report from Mr de Leval, was how this would be shared within the Trust and also with the families concerned, and how it would be handled in the public arena. More thought needed to be given to this, and Mr Ross felt that the matter was bound to surface again.

Mr Wisheart pointed out that the conciliation process had come to an end but would not produce a commonly agreed statement.

d) **Adult Cardiac Surgery** - Mr Ross and Mr McKinlay had both accepted Dr Bullimore's report. UBHT's results were the same as others across the country, but there were areas where improvement could be made. There will be a presentation to the Marketing and Development Committee on how the service must develop in the future.

e) Mr Jonathan Hutter was to replace Mr Dhasmana as Associate Clinical Director for Cardiac Surgery from 1 November, and from 1 December Dr Peter Wilde would replace Dr Pitts Crick as Associate Clinical Director for Cardiology.