

4. The meeting dissolved with the support for the continuation of the programme but with an awareness of the political dangers. Doctors Dhasmana, Wisheart and Martin discussed the need for the child's operation and decided that its clinical condition merited an immediate intervention and considered a delay inappropriate. This was accepted with a greater or lesser degree of happiness and conversation outside of the meeting was held between JDW, SNB and CRM regarding the representation of the Trust by SNB and the inappropriate channels of communication that the Department of Health were using.
5. The meeting decided that immediate action by the Medical Director and John Roylance to contact the Department of Health to submit the figures for the paediatric programme was an absolute priority. CRM requested that the team representing the Trust should contain an element from Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery and Cardiac Anaesthesia to enable the full range of questions to be answered should the Department of Health require clarification.

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