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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1989. Paediatric results show Bristol has twice national average mortality
- 1990. Letter to then District General Manager.
- 1991. Meeting of Cardiac Anaesthetists with Director of Anaesthesia and President of the Association of Anaesthetists (Dr PJ Baskett) agrees
 - i) Results of arterial switch not acceptable
 - ii) Matter to be taken up by directorate
 - iii) Dr Bolsin not to be vehicle for criticism
- 1991. Meeting of Cardiac Anaesthetists where Dr Bolsin voices concern; no concerted action agreed.
- Spring 1992 meeting with Kathy Orchard at which my concerns regarding the 'Switch' programme and the overall paediatric cardiac mortality are aired.
- 1992 June. Dr Bolsin applies for a post at the John Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. He explains to Professor Prys-Roberts & Dr S Willats the reasons for leaving include the poor record of the unit for paediatric cardiac surgery. Professor Prys-Roberts asks for definitive evidence of poor performance to deal with the matter.
- 1992 July. Dr Bolsin & Dr Black (Sen Lecturer Univ Dept Anaes) undertake audit of all paediatric cardiac surgery from 1990-1992.
- 1993 January. Results of audit show
 - i) Bristol statistically worse than national average for
 - a) Tetralogy of Fallot.
 - b) A-V Canal.
 - c) VSD Repair.
 - ii) One surgeon statistically significantly worse than the other for these operations.
- 1993 One paediatric cardiac surgeon visits another centre (Birmingham Children's Hospital) to improve his technique for the 'switch' operation. Two anaesthetists visit the same centre to improve knowledge of the management of "switch" patients.