

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC
SURGICAL AND ANAESTHETIC GROUP

Wednesday 28th July 1991 at Mr. Wisheart's house at 20:00 hours.

AGENDA

1. Review the progress of management of pulmonary hypertension.
2. Review of difficult operations, eg. Tetralogy of Fallot, AVSD, etc.
3. Future plans for cardiac surgery in the Bristol Unit.
4. Management of other problem areas. These included: age at operation, plasma expanders, sedation on ITU.
5. Any other business.

Introduction

By way of introduction to the meeting, Mr. Wisheart provided tables of open and closed cardiac surgery results for the Bristol Paediatric Unit. Comparisons were made in this data for mortality in the Bristol Cardiac Unit in 1990 and the UK national average in 1988. Mr. Wisheart said that he thought that the tables demonstrated that the problem which had thought to have been reaching crisis proportions in the Bristol Unit, when put in context, was actually not as serious as had been thought.

Dr. Bolsin said that he thought that the data in the tables in which the Bristol mortality was higher than the UK average for 2 years prior, vindicated the vigilance of the anaesthetic staff in recording their mortality data and vigorously pursuing requests for a combined meeting. This point of view was supported by Dr. Burton, Dr. Masey and Dr. Monk.

Mr. Dhasmana and Mr. Wisheart both made the point that there had been recent improvements in operative and post-operative management on the BRI site in the last year which had made meetings like this extremely valuable. It was noted that the previous such meeting had discussed pulmonary hypertension and that this had been very successful.

1. Review of Pulmonary Hypertension

Dr. Masey initially made the point that the data was not actually available from the Intensive Care Unit