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Dear John,

Paediatric Cardiac Surgery.

This letter follows my telephone conversation at home yesterday evening with Graham Nix and the meetings that I had with Graham first and Graham, James Wisheart and yourself second.

This letter is intended to record the legal advice and practical views on the way forward that I expressed this morning.

There are several interweaving features here and while the current position is regarded as somewhat of a threat I think advantage ought to be taken of the situation to demonstrate that the Trust is forward looking, committed to the best paediatric cardiac surgery services and is willing to have a proper debate in public, if necessary prompted by a programme made in co-operation with the BBC.

The Trust has to have regard to the Department of Health forward views on openness.

The Trust must preserve its reputation and must not allow wrong information however presented and for whatever reason to cloud any forward looking decision procedures.

The problem as always is the short time fuse which can get in the way of rational decisions.

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