

TRUST BOARD	Tuesday 4th March 2008
PAPER	Independent Review of the Congenital & Paediatric Cardiac Services at Bristol Children’s Hospital & Bristol Royal Infirmary
PURPOSE	To address the Action Plan and Recommendations
FORMAT	One-off paper
THE BOARD IS ASKED TO:	To receive and approve the Report and Action Plan

Introduction

The reputation of Congenital Cardiac Services in Bristol was severely damaged when it became public knowledge that the management of children receiving complex cardiac surgery was inadequate. The recommendations of the BRI Inquiry concluded in July 2001. This was not only a powerful analysis of the organisation but also an important insight into the culture of the NHS in the years up to 1995.

Since then Bristol has transformed the provision of services for patients with congenital heart disease, openly publishing it’s excellent results year on year. This has been a substantial achievement and is testimony to all staff involved.

The Review was requested by the Paediatric Cardiac Services Team to establish whether the quality of service improvement since 1995 has been maintained and to indicate areas where further development is required.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to approve the report and related action plan.

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