

Response from Keith Rigg to Questions raised by Inquiry

Questions: -

The 14 June 1997 Consultation Note refers to the "bladder was open" and "it was not [therefore] possible to measure the urinary output" (Ref: 122-001-004).

In your report of August 2012 you state "during the initial incision and exposure that the bladder was opened by cutting into it. It is likely that this was done inadvertently and not deliberately" (Ref: 203-011-007).

Would there:

- (a) be any reason for doing that deliberately and if so what;
- (b) whether you have seen any reference to that happening in the operative note; and
- (c) whether they you would have expected it to be recorded.

Response: -

In response to your query:

- (a) I cannot think of any reason why the bladder should be opened deliberately at the beginning of the procedure
- (b) There is no reference in the operative record to this
- (c) It would be usual to record any unexpected damage to an organ or viscus, such as the bladder, in the operative record.