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## The Prince Charles Hospital Medical Staff Association

REF N0: MSA/DP:21/2/03

21st February 2003

Ms Deborah Podbury District Manager THE PRINCE CHARLES HOSPITAL

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(For individual signatories please refer to Appendix A)

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I have seen the letter from the Medical Staff Association (above) and a draft letter which Darren Walters proposed to send to Deb Podbury, in which he makes a very good case for doing what he did.

I think the Cardiac Services Division and the Medical Staff Association must support him. If he were to be dismissed or treated in such a way as to compel him to resign it would be a great loss to our service.

Senior Staff Cardiologist 21<sup>st</sup> February 2003

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