

and is presented with this report in histogrammic form (Figure 1). Figures have not been forthcoming from Leeds. We recommend that their large catchment area justifies the appointment of a second Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon who is supported by appropriate staff and funding.

#### NEONATES AND INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

The combined numbers of open and closed cardiac operations in infants under 1 year from the 9 Supra Regional Units mirror the total number of operations performed for Congenital Heart Defects in the same units. (Figure 2)

Three units performed in the region of 200 and 240 open and closed operations under 1 year of age.

Three units performed in the region of 100 operations in the same categories.

Two units performed approximately 60 cases. Figures have not been received from Leeds. (Figure 1)

#### MORTALITY (30 day hospital)

OPEN HEART SURGERY UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE: There is a tendency for mortality to be higher in the units performing the smallest number of cases in the group of infants undergoing open heart surgery under 1 year of age (Figure 3). This was one of the anticipated results of supra regional specialisation in this field, but similar results were not reflected in the other categories (i.e. closed cardiac surgery under 1 year of age and open and closed cardiac surgery in older children). (Figures 4,