

Positive news for twins

CONJOINED twins Krishna and Trishna are recovering well from 14 hours of surgery at the Royal Children's Hospital last week.

It was the fourth major procedure for the Bangladeshi twins, who face at least one more operation before surgeons try to separate them in July or August.

In last week's operation, surgeons redirected blood flow from one twin to the other as their brains share blood vessels.

Children First chief executive Marg Smith said the twins were doing well and had been moved to a general ward after spending time in intensive care after the surgery.

"It's a slow process and this is one step forward to separation," she said.

RCH spokeswoman Julie Webber said surgeons were very pleased with the twins' progress.

"The doctors are happy but they are still watching them closely," she said.

"They are in a normal ward with other children and families ... it's good for them," Ms Webber said.