

## Freedom of Information Request Ref: UHB 19-495

21 August 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- Please state the name of your Trust?
   University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust.
- 2) How many patients currently under your care are being kept alive with clinically assisted nutrition and hydration (CANH) who are in a persistent vegetative state or minimally conscious state? None.
- 3) a. How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 1 year or more? None.
  - b. How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 3 years or more? None.
  - c. How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 5 years or more? None.
- 4) a. How much money has your trust spend on the patients from Q2 in the years; N/A.

2015 - 2016

2016 - 2017

2017 - 2018

- b. How much money does your Trust spend per patient (from Q2) on average? N/A.
- 5) How many next of kin of patients from Q2 have asked for the CANH to be stopped and their loved ones be moved into palliative care? None.
- 6) a. In how many patients cases, have you been in a legal battle, whether mediation or court, because next of kin wanted to stop CANH in the last 5 years? There are no such legal battles for University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
  - b. What has been the financial cost of these legal battles/mediations?

## There are no such legal battles for University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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