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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Patients in vegetative state or minimally conscious state within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/**Response**:

1. Please state the name of your CCG or Health Board?
2. How many patients currently under the care of your CCG/ Health Board are being kept alive with clinically assisted nutrition and hydration (CANH) who are in a persistent vegetative state or minimally conscious state?
3.
 - a) How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 1 year or more?
 - b) How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 3 years or more?
 - c) How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 5 years or more?
4.
 - a) How much money did your CCG/Health Board spend on the patients from Q2 in the years;
2015 - 2016
2016 - 2017
2017 - 2018
 - b) How much money does your CCG/Health Board spend per patient (from Q2) on average?
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?
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?
 - b) What has been the financial cost of these legal battles/mediations?

For questions 1-6 NHS Southport and Formby CCG does not hold this information; you may wish to refer your query to –

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