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# Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

1) Please state the name of your Trust?

#### **Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital 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?
  - a) How many of these patients have been kept alive for 1 year or more?
  - b) How many of these patients have been kept alive for 3 years or more?
  - c) How many of these patients have been kept alive for 5 years or more?

We are unable to provide a response to this question within the s.12 timescale of the FOIA 2000, as it would require the Trust to perform an audit of each individual patient record to collate this information. Any patients in the Doncaster area who are in persistent vegetative state or minimally conscious state would have their nutrition and hydration managed by their GP and the RDASH dietetic team. In the Bassetlaw CCG area, they would be managed by their GP and the DBTH dietetic team. Whilst we have access to records of previous patients, we do not collate this data centrally.

- 3) How much money has your Trust spend on the patients from Q2 in the years;
  - a) 2015 2016
  - b) 2016 2017
  - c) 2017 2018

### Unknown (see Q2)

4) How much money does your Trust spend per patient (from Q2) on average?

## Unknown (see Q2)

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?

#### Unknown (see Q2)

6) 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?

## None

a) What has been the financial cost of these legal battles/mediations? N/A