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18<sup>th</sup> October 2016,

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016, with regards to patients supported through continuing healthcare budgets.

Request/**Response**

1) Considering all patients supported by the continuing healthcare budget in your Clinical Commissioning Group.

i) How many current patients fall into a group with a prolonged disorder of consciousness? Please include patients which have the following labels.

a) Vegetative state

b) Minimally Conscious State or Minimal Awareness State or similar

c) Prolonged disorder of consciousness

d) Is obviously in one of those states as recorded in the assessment tool

ii) How many current patients fall into a group with a prolonged disorder of consciousness where the state has been present for at least six months (not necessarily funded for all that time)?

***Liverpool Clinical commissioning Group cannot provide you with an answer to your request under section 1.1 of the freedom of information act, as we do not hold the information you are requesting.***

***We do not collate information at this level of detail with regard to Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness and therefore we are unable to answer this request.***

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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