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Email:

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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 7th August 2019, with regards to patients in a vegetative state or minimally conscious state.

Request / Response:

- 1) Please state the name of your CCG or Health Board?

Response: NHS Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group

- 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?

Response: We are unable to provide you with the information you have requested under section 1 (1)(a) of the FOI Act as we do not hold the information you have requested. Please contact the Provider organisations directly.

- 3a) 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?

Response: We are unable to provide you with the information you have requested under section 1 (1)(a) of the FOI Act as we do not hold the information you have requested. Please contact the Provider organisations directly.

- 4a) 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?

Response: We are unable to provide you with the information you have requested under section 1 (1)(a) of the FOI Act as we do not hold the information you have requested. Please contact the Provider organisations directly

- 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?

Response: We are unable to provide you with the information you have requested under section 1 (1)(a) of the FOI Act as we do not hold the information you have requested. Please contact the Provider organisations directly.

- 6a) 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?

Response: N/A

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The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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www.ico.gov.uk

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,

Corporate Services Team
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