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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0306

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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Dear Sir / Madam

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request please in relation to clinically assisted nutrition and hydration.

Please note Clinically assisted nutrition includes intravenous feeding, and feeding by nasogastric tube and by percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) and radiologically inserted gastrostomy (RIG) feeding tubes through the abdominal wall. All these means of providing nutrition also provide fluids necessary to keep patients hydrated. It does not refer to help given to patients to eat or drink, for example by spoon feeding.

- 1) Please state the name of your Trust? **Wye Valley NHS 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? **Nil.**

- 3a) How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 1 year or more?
Not applicable (N/A)
- b) How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 3 years or more? **N/A**
- c) How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 5 years or more? **N/A**

- 4a) How much money has your trust spend on the patients from Q2 in the years;
2015 - 2016 **N/A**
2016 - 2017 **N/A**
2017 - 2018 **N/A**
- 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? N/A

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? N/A

b) What has been the financial cost of these legal battles/mediations?

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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