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**Re: Freedom of Information Request - Clinically Artificial Nutrition and Hydration (CANH)**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**You Asked for:**

I would be most grateful if you could let me know the following by response of an email:

- In your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), is there any formal register kept of deaths occurring as a result of withdrawal of Clinically Artificial Nutrition and Hydration (CANH) that occur under the provisions of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and BMA/RCP/GMC Guidelines 2018?
- If such a register is kept, can you advise if there is any independent internal or external audit made of such deaths and the degree to which there is compliance with the BMA/RCP/GMC Guidelines, 2018 when such deaths occur?
- Where deaths due to withdrawal of CANH are recorded and an audit is made of these, can you give an indication of the number such deaths in 2018 and in 2019 and the percentage of cases where the BMA/RCP/GMC Guideline Checklist has been used and fully completed?

**Our Response:**

Unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group is unable to provide a response to this request as the CCG does not hold a register of deaths occurring as a result of withdrawal of Clinically Artificial Nutrition and Hydration (CANH) that occur under the provisions of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and BMA/RCP/GMC Guidelines 2018

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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