

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 20-027**

4 February 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- In your Trust 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?

University hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust does not have such a register.

- 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?

N/A.

- 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?

N/A.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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