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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 19th February 2021.

You Asked for:

1. Please state the number of patients whose care is funded by your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who are suffering from a prolonged disorder of consciousness, or otherwise in a minimally conscious state.
2. Please state the number of these patients for whom the condition was the result of an assault, stabbing, or other violent attack. This should be identifiable from records you hold, and given the number of patients is likely small, would be unlikely to breach the cost limit to check.
3. In addition to this, please also state the number of these patients for whom the condition was the result of an assault by a sharp object. However, if looking into this exceeds the cost limit, feel free to limit your response to questions 1 and 2 only.
4. Please provide a breakdown of the cost of caring for these patients, and the length of time they have spent in your care. I appreciate the number of patients is likely to be small, however, I would be grateful if you could give ranges of time periods, and express the number as "less than five" if you are unable to give exact numbers for a specific reason, as this would not trigger section 40 issues. Please provide information for the following financial years:
 - a. 2018-2019
 - b. 2019-2020
 - c. 2020-2021

Our Response:

Unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold this level of information. The coding of diagnoses we have access to from hospital data does not include the cause of injury. That level of information is held in hospital patient records which we do not have access to. Please can I suggest that you contact them directly? I have included their contact details below should you wish to do so:

Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) - wih-tr.accesstoinformationoffice@nhs.net

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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