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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Clinically Artificial Nutrition and Hydration (CANH).

*You asked:*

- *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?*
- *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?*

**Trust response:**

The Trust has no record of a formal register which records 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.