

Reference: FOI 38144 GLO 11M

Subject: Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness

I can confirm that the CCG does hold the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>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.</p> <p>Please provide information for the following financial years</p> <p>a) 2018-2019 - b) 2019-2020 - c) 2020-2021 -</p>	
<p>1. Please state the number of patients whose care is funded by your CCG who are suffering from a prolonged disorder of consciousness, or otherwise in a minimally conscious state.</p>	<p>a) Fewer than 10* b) Fewer than 10* c) Fewer than 10*</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>

<p>4. Please provide a breakdown of the cost of caring for these patients, and the length of time they have spent in your care.</p>	<p>I can confirm that the CCG holds the information requested, but in this case, we will not be providing it to you as it is exempt from disclosure. We are not obliged, under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), to provide information that is the personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the principles set out in article 5 of the GDPR. In this instance we believe that the release of this information would contravene the first principle (lawfulness, fairness and transparency) and therefore Section 40(2) is engaged.</p>
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* *Due to the low numbers provided in relation to this request, the CCG has replaced the figure with fewer than 10 or fewer than 5. This is to prevent the likelihood that a living individual could be identified by the release of the lower figures. We are not obliged, under [Section 40\(2\)](#) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), to provide information that is the personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the principles set out in article 5 of the GDPR. In this instance we believe that the release of this information would contravene the first principle (lawfulness, fairness and transparency) and therefore Section 40(2) is engaged.*

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 24 February 2021 and has been authorised for release by Kim Forey, Director of Integration for NHS Gloucestershire CCG.