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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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1. Total number of children under 5 placed on perinatal/paediatric palliative care pathways (withdrawing/withholding life-sustaining treatment, e.g., nutrition/hydration) from Jan 2022–Oct 2025.
2. % of those where parental consent was explicitly documented vs. implied/deemed.
3. #/% where parents objected, and outcomes (e.g., court involvement).
4. Anonymised summary of decision criteria used (per RCPCH/NICE guidelines).
5. Any internal audits/reviews on consent processes since 2022.

### **Response:**

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide the information you have requested as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. In order to obtain this information and it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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