

FOI 3539

5th January 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Under Section 16 (advice and assistance), I am happy to narrow the request to bring it within limits:

Total number (anonymised count only) of children under 5 for whom a clinical decision was made to withhold/withdraw clinically assisted nutrition/hydration as part of end-of-life care, Jan 2022–Oct 2025 (electronic search of ReSPECT/advance care plans only - no full notes review).

Response

In the SHSCT, there have been no children under 5 years of age for whom a clinical decision was made to withhold/withdraw clinically assisted nutrition/hydration as part of end-of-life care, throughout the period Jan 2022–Oct 2025.

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