

Request title: Post-anaesthesia / post-operative care information

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Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

If a patient is medically considered to be in a 'vegetative state' (awake but not aware) for less than 4 weeks following an anaesthesia based operation or procedure, would they be nursed on ICU / ITU / HDU?

If a patient is medically considered to be in a 'persistent vegetative state' (awake but not aware) for more than 4 weeks following an anaesthesia based operation or procedure, would they be nursed on ICU / ITU / HDU?

If a patient is medically considered to be in a 'permanent vegetative state' or 'unresponsive wakefulness syndrome' or minimally conscious (meaning awake but not aware) for less than 4 weeks following an anaesthesia based operation or procedure, would they be nursed on ICU / ITU / HDU?

If a patient is medically considered to be in a 'coma' (not awake or aware) following an anaesthesia based operation or procedure, would they be nursed on ICU / ITU / HDU?

Reply

The answer to all of the above questions would be yes quite possibly, dependent upon their medical / nursing needs at the time.