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Treatment Prioritisation

1) What were the criteria for the prioritisation of treatment? (E.g. age, chronic health conditions, neurodevelopmental disorders, etc.)

All ITU placement decisions and DNR decisions were made in the best interests of the individual patients.

2) What hospitals made the choice to prioritise certain groups over others?

Please see answer to question 1.

3) Were patients informed that there was prioritisation for certain groups?

a) If so, were those who were to be NOT a priority informed that they were as such?

Please see answer to question 1.

b) How many people, irrespective of whether they went on to receive treatment and/or recover, were to be of lesser priority than others?

Please see answer to question 1.

c) How many people, who were seen as a lesser priority for treatment, died?

Please see answer to question 1.

4) Were there blanket DNR orders for patients in certain groups? (E.g. those with chronic health conditions, those with neurodevelopmental disorders, the elderly etc.)

The UHB did not have any such blanket DNR orders.

a) What groups were subject to these blanket DNR orders?

Please see answer to question 4.

b) If so, were these groups informed of the hospitals choice to place them under DNR orders?

Please see answer to question 4.

c) Did any of these patients consent to the use of DNR orders on them?

Please see answer to question 4.

d) How many people subject to these DNR orders went on to die?

Please see answer to question 4.