

Let him die, pleads wife of policeman in head-on crash

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The wife of a policeman who suffered a severe brain injury in a motorcycle crash has asked a judge to order doctors to stop providing life-support treatment so he can die with "dignity".

Paul Briggs, 43, a Gulf War veteran, has spent 17 months in a coma since a road accident in Liverpool. His wife, Lindsey, 40, wants his treatment to stop but doctors at Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust disagree.

His fate will be decided after a four-day hearing at the Court of Protection,

which begins in Manchester today. Mr Briggs, who has a five-year-old daughter, was involved in a head-on collision with a Nissan Micra on the Birkenhead flyover before a night shift with Merseyside police in July last year. A 26-year-old woman was jailed for 12 months for dangerous driving.

A spokesman for his family said they "strongly believe he would not have wanted to carry on being provided medical treatment in his current condition ... Paul would have wanted medical treatment to be withdrawn so that he could pass away with dignity."

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