

Brain-damaged woman 'is alert to radio'

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◆ A brain-damaged pensioner must be kept alive because she is alert enough to indicate which radio station she prefers, doctors have told a judge.

Mr Justice Hayden has been asked to resolve a dispute between the daughter of a woman in a "minimally conscious" state who believes her mother should be allowed to die and the specialists treating her.

The woman's daughter says medics should stop artificial feeding. Doctors say life-support treatment should continue. The judge has analysed the

case at a preliminary hearing in the Court of Protection in London.

Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust, in Salford, Greater Manchester, have asked the judge to decide what is in the woman's best interests.

One medic thought that the pensioner, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had recently indicated what radio station she wanted to listen to.

Mr Justice Hayden is expected to decide what is in the pensioner's best interests later this year.