Thank you for your request concerning the use of force and related RIDDOR events for 2015/2016.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1) **How many locked beds were there in the trust?**

   There are 89 beds across the Trust within our Low Secure, Medium Secure and PICU units.

2) **How many episodes of physical restraint took place within the trust**

   The information you are requesting is already in the public domain\(^1\). Please follow this [link](#) to a previously published response and this [link](#) to our website for our ‘Making our Services Safer’ (MOSS) strategy.

3) **How many episodes of face down (prone) restraint took place within the trust, and what was the duration of these restraint episodes?**

   The information regarding the number of prone restraints is also in the public domain\(^1\). Please follow the link provided under question 2. The number of prone restraints disclosed, represent the total number of restraints that resulted in a prone position.

   I have made enquiries with our Safer Care and Standards, Quality & Safety Team and we do not record the specific time that the patient was held in a prone restraint\(^2\), so we are unable to provide this breakdown.

   Please be advised that the FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held or exist. The FOIA duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

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\(^1\) Section 21 – Information is available through other means has been applied

\(^2\) Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.
4) How many RIDDOR incidents were reported by the Trust to the Health Safety Executive (HSE) as a result of restraint episodes?

We reported a total of 12 RIDDOR incidents where staff became injured as a result of being physically assaulted whilst undertaking a restraint procedure from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016; none of which resulted in the HSE undertaking any further investigation.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust’s complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click here.