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Our Ref: FOI 2587

Thank you for your request concerning the number of injuries as a result of being restrained.

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

1. **In the last two calendar years, how many injuries have been reported at your Trust that occurred while a patient was being restrained?**

**This relates to injured patients, not injured staff or members of the public.
Please break this information down by calendar year for 2015 and 2016.**

We are unable to state the number of injuries to patients as a result of physical restraint, only the total number of restraints recorded.

Under section 12 of the FOIA a public authority does not have to comply with a request for information if the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. For example based on the number of restraints identified below, it would mean looking at each record to extrapolate this information by reading each report. It is estimated that it would take approximately 2 minutes to manually review each individual record, i.e. 2,593 records equates to 86.43 hours @ £25ph = £2,160.

Number of physical restraint incidents recorded	
2015	1431
2016	1162

2. **How many of these patients injured while being restrained were under the age of 18? Please state their ages, and break down by year.**

Please see the answer to question 1.

3. **How many of these patients required medical assistance as a result of injuries that occurred while being restrained? Please provide a brief description of these injuries, in a list form if possible. Again, please break down by year.**

Please see the answer to question 1.

Should you require further clarification or wish to discuss payment, 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

Sue Smith

Sue Smith
FOI/DPA Officer

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](#).

