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Our Ref: FOI 3068

Thank you for your request concerning physical restraint training.

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

- 1. What system of physical intervention training / physical restraint system is taught to staff in your Trust e.g. in-house own system, MAPA/Maybo/GSA/WLMHT/SCIP/Respect/Peace etc.**

We use Respect Training Solutions.

- 2. Does the system include or teach staff the use of prone restraint?**

No.

- 3. How is this training system accredited/validated (internal/external agency)?**

The training is externally validated through Respect Training Solutions and also BILD PI Accreditation Scheme.

- 4. What system do you use to collect data on the use of restraint, prone restraint, supine restraint and seclusion e.g. Datix / Rio or other?**

We use DATIX.

- 5. How do you check the accuracy of this data?**

All Restrictive Practices are scrutinised manually.

- 6. When recording and reporting the use of the prone position do you include all occasions when the person is in prone or do you apply any exclusion criteria – if exclusions are applied please provide information e.g. person held prone for less than a specific time, person had head turned to the side, person put themselves in that position, prone used in transition to another position / side / supine, prone used to give IMI, prone used to exit seclusion or any other?**

We fully disclose all PRONE data; this is usually accidental prone use where a service user has taken themselves into this position

7. Do you record the length of time an individual is held prone/supine/on side and the reasons for this?

We record the total length of restraint.

8. For the following questions, please provide data for the financial years:

April 2014 - March 2015
April 2015 – March 2016
April 2016 – March 2017
April 2017 – March 2018

- i. Number of injuries caused by or occurring during a restraint to patients and to staff.**
- ii. Severity and nature of injuries sustained to patients and was whether prone or supine position was used during the restraint.**
- iii. Number of prone restraints broken down into the reasons given for the use of this position.**
- iv. Number of times the Police have been called to restore order, transfer patient from ward to ward or to assist in relocating to seclusion.**
- v. Number of injuries to patients following Police use of force (restraint) on Wards.**
- vi. Number of times Tasers called for, aimed and or fired on In-patient Mental Health Wards.**

We are unable to provide you with the answers to the above questions because this information is not held in a reportable electronic format.

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 manually by reading each report. It is estimated that it would take approximately 2 minutes to manually review each individual record, i.e. 4,143 records equates to 138 hours @ £25ph = £3,452.50.

Should you require further clarification or like 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

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Information Rights 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](#).

