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Our Ref: FOI 3109

Thank you for your request concerning restrictive restraints.

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

1) Between 1st January 2017 & 31st December 2017, how many instances of restrictive intervention/restraint were there within your Trust, broken down by:

	Type of Restraint	Number of Restraints
a)	Physical restraint	1,242
b)	Chemical restraint	245
c)	Mechanical restraint	0

2) Between 1st January 2017 & 31st December 2017, how many instances of restrictive intervention/restraint within your Trust resulted in injury to the individual being restrained, broken down by the form of restraint that was used.

We are unable to provide this information within the time limit. To supply the information requested would involve reviewing each incident record and to carry out this task would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450¹.

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 numbers of restraints quoted above, this would mean looking at each record to see if there was any injury as a result of the restraint. It is estimated that it would take approximately 2 minutes to manually review each individual record to extract the information, i.e. 49.5 hours @ £25ph = £1,239.

3) Between 1st January 2017 & 31st December 2017, how many instances of restrictive intervention/restraint within your Trust resulted in the death of the individual being restrained, broken down by the form of restraint that was used:

We have again applied S12 to this question. To extract this information would involve a manual search of the 1,487 incident records.

Should you require further clarification or like to discuss payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

¹ Section 12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit has been applied

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](#).

