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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the use of chemical restraints.

You asked:

- 1. In the last three calendar years (2015, 2016 and 2017), how many patients have been chemically restrained? Please break down by year.*
- 2. Please also provide a breakdown by age, for each year above.*
- 3. For each case reported in 2018 only, I would be grateful if you could provide the reason for the restraint. For instance, if a patient was behaving violently towards staff, hurting themselves, refusing to accept medical assistance, etc. **If this information is not held by your trust, or is not held in an easily retrievable format, please exclude from my request and just provide the information requested in (1.) and (2.).***

Trust response:

The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.