

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_55_16

You asked:

For period 1 January 2014 to the 31st December 2014, please provide details of all incidents of physical restraint used in relation to **children receiving in-patient psychiatric care** at any hospital or unit under your management or control, where possible providing a breakdown by age, gender and ethnicity:

1. The total number of incidents of physical restraint
2. The total number of patients who experienced physical restraint
3. The total number of incidents where physical restraint was used to administer medication
4. The name and location of the psychiatric hospitals and units where these incidents occurred
5. The number of children receiving in-patient psychiatric care during this period.
6. Please provide a copy of any written policies and/or training guidance you hold concerning the use of restraint in relation to children and details of any recording and notification system you have in place concerning the use of restraint of children in your psychiatric care.

Our response:

1. The total number of incidents of physical restraint.

28 incidents, where incidents of physical restraint were reported.

2. The total number of patients who experienced physical restraint.

The Health Board will not provide specific details for the number of children who experienced physical restraint due to the small numbers involved. To release the specific information in the way that you have requested would mean disclosure of low numbers. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. We have therefore considered that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, I can confirm that 11 patients have experienced physical restraint between the ages of 13 – 17.

3. The total number of incidents where physical restraint was used to administer medication.

None.

4. The name and location of the psychiatric hospitals and units where these incidents occurred

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5. The number of children receiving in-patient psychiatric care during this period.

There were 64 patients admitted during the calendar year of 2014.

6. Please provide a copy of any written policies and/or training guidance you hold concerning the use of restraint in relation to children and details of any recording and notification system you have in place concerning the use of restraint of children in your psychiatric care.

Please find attached a CAMHS policy in relation to this.