



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-361

Date: 8th November 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 14th October 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Mechanical Restraint.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Does the NHS Trust authorise the use of any kind of mechanical restraint?

A1 No

Q2 What types of Mechanical Restraint is authorised? e.g. Handcuffs; Soft Cuffs; Velcro Leg restraints; Emergency Response Belts (ERB). Spit hoods

A2 Not applicable

Q3 Is the necessary training to apply the authorised form of mechanical restraint linked to a nationally recognised training qualification?

A3 As answer 2

Q4 Does the NHS Trust authorise the use of Posey Mitts, if a risk assessment deems them to be a reasonable and proportionate response?

A4 Yes

Q5 Total number of recorded incidents of mechanical restraint usage (of any type) if in use for the period September 2020 -September 2021

A5 See below:

- 0 occasions reported for mechanical restraint.
- 20 occasions of posey mittens used from 1st September 2020 – 30th September 2021.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

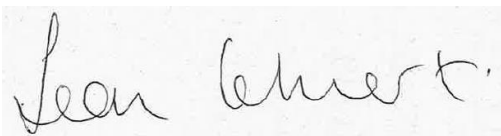
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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