

Dear Sir/Madam

This is a follow up response relating to patient restraint.

Please find our response below:

1. How many times have security been called to restrain a patient at the Trust's hospitals?

A. 2013-14 = 8 2012-13 = 20

2. Can you provide a breakdown of these incidents of restraint by condition of the patient, including: the number of patients restrained due to alcohol or drug influenced-behaviour, mental health problems, dementia/Alzheimer and other reasons?

A. We are unable to respond to this question. For these types of incidents, some patients may appear to have been under the influence of alcohol/drugs or appear have mental health issues, but these would be subjective opinions from staff rather than absolute fact.

3. The number of times injuries to patients have been recorded as a result of a restraint by security over these two years?

A. 2013-14 = 1

4. The cost of the Trust's security contract and the additional cost incurred by the Trust per incident of restraint of a patient.

A. The current annual value of contract with the current security provider is: £704,000 we are unable to break the costs down to this level of detail.

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Yours sincerely

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