

FOI 055/2024 Response

1. How many individuals are currently held or detained by your Trust under the Mental Health Act? If possible, could you provide details regarding the number and gender of patients held and which section of the Mental Health Act they are detained under?

Is it possible to provide statistics by the number and gender of persons held at specific hospitals or facilities under the supervision of your trust or operated by the trust?

MHA Section	Female	Male	Non binary	Total
Pt II. Section 2 - Admission for assessment	32	15		47
Pt II. Section 3 - Admission for treatment	91	165	2	258
Pt II. Section 5(2) - Doctor's holding power	1			1
Pt II. Section 17A - Community Treatment Order	69	157		226
Pt III. Section 37 - Hospital order	5	11		16
Pt III. Section 37 - Notional Hospital Order	2	15		17
Pt III. Section 37/41 - Conditional discharge	13	146		159
Pt III. Section 37/41 - CPIA post DVCVA 2004 amendments		5		5
Pt III. Section 37/41 - Hospital order with restrictions	15	92		107
Pt III. Section 38 - Interim hospital order		1		1
Pt III. Section 45(A) - High court direct hospital admission (Hybrid order)		5		5
Pt III. Section 47 - Removal to Hospital of Prisoners	1	1		2
Pt III. Section 47/49-Removal to Hospital of Prisoners w. Restriction Direction		44		44
Pt III. Section 48/49-Removal to Hospital of Other Prisoners w. Restriction Dir	2	27		29
Pt X. Section 136 - Mentally disordered person found in public place	4	1		5
Total	235	685	2	922

- 2. How many seclusion suits or rooms exist and are operated by your Trust? What is the longest period an individual is currently detained in seclusion? For clarity, please provide the duration that an individual has been held in a room designated or used for seclusion.**

There are 12 seclusion rooms in the organisation.

Please note, that the number of seclusion rooms will increase to 13 when the works for the new facility in Ardenleigh is complete.

3x Acute PICU

1x Larimar

2x Ardenleigh Women's

1x Ardenleigh childrens

3x tamarind

2x Reaside

- 3. Could you please provide a copy of your policy on using seclusion and any training material provided to staff regarding its use?**

Please see attachments and note that a Section 40 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied.

This is because we do not routinely release staff members personal information, such as names for those below a band 8 c role.

- 4. Can you provide a photograph of a typical seclusion room in use by your Trust (empty room)?**

Please see attachments.

- 5. How many individuals are currently held under the various sections of the Mental Health Act by your Trust? Please provide a breakdown by section of the individuals currently detained.**

Please refer to the response provided for question 1.

6. Please provide details of the type of devices or equipment used to restrain patients and the number of devices your Trust possesses. How frequently are these devices used, and what training is provided to staff regarding their usage? Please include details of the training materials and provide a copy if possible.

The Trust has the following devices/equipment for restraining patients

Ardenleigh

3x pairs of handcuffs

2x soft cuff

2x Supplemental Soft Restraint System (SRS)

1x Safer Emergency Enveloping Lifting Sling SEELS

Reaside

4x pairs of handcuffs

1x soft cuffs

1x SRS

1x SEELS

Tamarind

6x pairs of handcuffs

1x Soft Cuffs

1x SRS

1x SEELS

Meadowcroft

1x pair of metal handcuffs

Caffra

1x pair of metal handcuffs

Eden PICU

1x pair metal handcuffs

1x soft cuffs

Please see attached the lesson plans and workbooks for the device training.

Please note that Handcuff training is also delivered to all staff who require it according to the TNA (Training Needs Analysis) during the RRI 5-day course and subsequent RRI refresher courses.

Restraints	Financial Year	Device
2019-20	Handcuffs	20
2019-20	Soft Restraint System (SRS)	29
2020-21	Handcuffs	14
2020-21	Soft Restraint System (SRS)	61
2021-22	Handcuffs	5
2021-22	Soft Restraint System (SRS)	8
2022-23	Handcuffs	16
2022-23	Soft Restraint System (SRS)	12
2023-24	Handcuffs	16
2023-24	Soft Restraint System (SRS)	4

Please note:

The table lists the number of mechanical restraints recorded on the Trusts incident reporting system between April 2019 – March 2024, split by financial year and device used.

7. When a new patient is admitted under the Mental Health Act, are they provided with a patient handbook or similar document? If so, please provide a copy.

There are no standardise patient handbook that we provide for service user that are admitted to the hospital.

However, each ward has devised their own Patient handbook, for an example please see the attachment.

Please note that the detained patient will be provided the standardise paperwork that explains their Rights under the Mental Health Act (MHA).

They will be provided with Section 132 Form of the MHA – please see attachment.

- 8. Does your Trust have any disciplinary policies regarding patients who misbehave or breach regulations or rules within your Trust policies? If so, could you please provide a copy of the policy or relevant documents?**

Please note that we do not explicitly have a disciplinary policy.

However, Incidents will be reported to the Police as per the Trust’s Prevention and Management of Violence Policy – please see attachment for further information.

- 9. Do patients currently held or detained under the Mental Health Act by your Trust have access to mobile telephones or the Internet? If so, could you provide a copy of the relevant information and policies regarding mobile phone and internet use provided to staff and patients?**

Mobiles are available to patients across the trust including in medium secure hospitals(where patients are provided mobile phones purchased by the hospital) , the trust makes mobile phones available for patients to use where ever feasible and safe for patients.

However the Trust does have a Blanket restriction policy on specific wards which is applied at times based on assessed security needs of the patients in the interest of patient safety . This is discussed and agreed by the MDT Team. For further details of the Blanket Restriction Policy please see the attachment.

We also have an Internet Access for Service Users Policy, which has elements of the use of mobile devices within inpatient settings. For further details please see attachment.

Please note for the afore mentioned policies that a Section 40 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act has been applied.

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In addition to this, the Trust’s Secure and offenders service do have a service mobile Clinical guideline.