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Information requested:

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, as well as which section of the Mental Health Act they are detained under?
2. 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?
3. How many seclusion suits or rooms exist and are operated by your Trust?
4. What is the longest period that an individual is currently being detained in seclusion? For clarity, please provide the duration that an individual has been held in a room designated or used for seclusion.
5. Could you please provide a copy of your policy on using seclusion and any training material provided to staff regarding its use?
6. Can you provide a photograph of a typical seclusion room in use by your Trust (empty room)?
7. 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.
8. Please provide details of the type of devices or equipment used to restrain patients and the number of such devices your Trust possesses. Additionally, 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.
9. 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.
10. 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?

For patients currently held or detained under the Mental Health Act by your Trust, do they 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?

Response:

1. We have 99 patients who are all male. The breakdown of which section of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act are given below. For some sections, the number of patients is very small and would allow identification of those patients. We have therefore withheld the exact number under FOISA section 38(1)(b) as it constitutes personal data.

Section Number	Section	No of Patients
52D	Assessment Order	Less than 5
52M	Treatment Order	9
53	Interim Compulsion Order	Less than 5
54	Temporary Compulsion Order	Less than 5
57A	Compulsion Order	11
57A & 59	Compulsion Order and Restriction Order	13
57(2)(a)	Compulsion Order Insanity	Less than 5
57(2)(a)&(b)	Compulsion Order and Restriction Order Insanity	25
59A	Hospital Direction	Less than 5
64	Compulsory Treatment Order	7
136	Transfer for Treatment Direction	25

2. As we have only one facility the information is the same as for question 1.
3. Twelve
4. No individuals are currently in seclusion and therefore we give notice under section 17 of FOISA that we do not hold information relating to the time periods for currently secluded individuals.
5. The information requested is exempt from disclosure because if it was provided it could be used to circumvent, negate or reduce the effectiveness of the measures and techniques described. This would result in an increased risk to the health and safety of our staff, patients and visitors.

The exemptions applied are:

- FOISA Section 30(c) – Effective conduct of public affairs, because disclosure would substantially prejudice our ability to operate a safe and secure environment.
- FOISA Section 35(1)(f) & 35(2)(i) – Law enforcement, because disclosure would substantially prejudice the maintenance of security and good order in an institution where persons are lawfully detained to secure the health, safety and welfare of persons at work
- FOISA Section 35(1)(f) & 35(2)(j) – Law enforcement, because disclosure would substantially prejudice the maintenance of security and good order in an institution where persons are lawfully detained to protect persons other than those at work from risk to health or safety where that risk arises out of, or in connection with, the actions of persons at work.
- FOISA Section 39(1) – Health, safety and the environment, because disclosure would likely endanger the physical or mental health or safety of an individual.

6. We do not have a photograph of an empty seclusion room and therefore give notice under section 17 of FOISA that we do not hold the information requested.
7. We have provided this information in the answer to question 1.
8. We have 6 sets of Soft Restraint Kits (SRK) which are used within the hospital. The inpatient use of this equipment was twice in the last 12 months. We provide training on the use of the equipment annually and those providing this training programme have an annual refresher. We have enclosed a copy of the course programme for the training, however the details of the training programme are exempt from disclosure because if disclosed it could be used to circumvent, negate or reduce the effectiveness of the measures and techniques describe. This would result in an increased risk to the health and safety of our staff, patients and visitors

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9. We have enclosed two pdf with the contents of our welcome pack. A newly admitted patient would be provided with the ward leaflet specific to their ward from the 'Welcome Pack Ward Specific' pdf and all of the 'Welcome Pack' pdf.

We have withheld the names of three individuals under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA as they constitute personal information which is exempt from disclosure.

10. We do not have a policy and therefore give notice under section 17 of FOISA that we do not hold the information requested.

Patients at the State Hospital do not have access to mobile phones or access to the Internet.