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Information requested:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act. Please provide the following:

- An electronic copy of The State Hospital Seclusion Policy
- An electronic copy of The State Hospital policy on the use of mechanical restraints

Response:

We have provided a copy of each policy.

We have removed a State Hospital email address from our Seclusion policy. The email address relates to a distribution list which is intended for internal use. By disclosing it publicly the recipients of the distribution list would be subject to unsolicited email contact. This is likely to disrupt the operation of the organisation, requiring us to deploy additional resources to manage unsolicited mail or retire the email address and change our current policy to include a new email address. As such this would likely prejudice substantially the effective conduct of public affairs. (FOISA Section 30(c))

We have noted that the email address restrictedpatient@scotland.gsi.gov.uk which is referred to in the Seclusion policy is in error and the correct email address is restrictedpatients@scotland.gsi.gov.uk