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Information requested:

1. How many patients with autism and/or learning disabilities are being held at The State Hospital?
2. How many of those patients were incarcerated at The State Hospital as a direct result of a criminal conviction handed down by a sheriff or judge at a Sheriff Court or High Court (or equivalent for Ireland)?

Response:

1. 19 patients at the State Hospital have a diagnosis of autism and/or learning disabilities recorded in their health records.
2. No patients at the State Hospital are detained under criminal conviction, however it is important to note that all patients are detained by order of a court under the Mental Health (Care & Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 or the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995. We have enclosed a spreadsheet with the legislation, section number and name of the detentions, restrictions and orders that may be made to detain a person at the State Hospital.