

FOI REF: 24/307

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 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?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not hold this information. This information is held by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who are the Mental Health Trust for this area, their Freedom of Information email address is:

[foi@spft.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@spft.nhs.uk)

**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?**

Not applicable.

- 2. How many seclusion suits or rooms exist and are operated by your Trust? 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.**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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.**

Not applicable.

6. **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.**

Not applicable.

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.**

Not applicable.

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?**

Not applicable.

9. **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?**

Not applicable.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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