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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013923 – Chemically restrained

I would like to make the following Freedom of Information request to your trust.

1. In the last three calendar years (2015, 2016 and 2017), how many patients have been chemically restrained?
Please break down by year.

2. Please also provide a breakdown by age, for each year above.

3. For each case reported in 2018 only, I would be grateful if you could provide the reason for the restraint. For instance, if a patient was behaving violently towards staff, hurting themselves, refusing to accept medical assistance, etc. If this information is not held by your trust, or is not held in an easily retrievable format, please exclude from my request and just provide the information requested in (1.) and (2.).

The information is not held in a centralised structured format that would enable us to run an electronic report. There is no clinical code for 'chemical restraint' to enable us to run a report from our Patient Administration System for this information. Any information held in patient case notes is not accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.