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Russell's Hall Hospital  
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West Midlands  
DY1 2HQ

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Address / Email:

Dear

### **Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please note, our response is in [blue](#) below each question asked for your reference.

#### **Request**

***I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your NHS trust. Please may you provide me with:***

***1. The occasions when children, who attended A&E with their chief complaint being mental health related, were restrained by staff, broken down by financial year, since 2010.***

Unfortunately, we do not hold this information in a reportable format. Our incident management system does not have a sub category for "restraint" and therefore cannot provide you with this information.

***2. The total number of children, who attend A&E with their chief complaint being mental health related, broken down by financial year, since 2010.***

The Trust, in the figures below, has included chief complaints of Psychiatric and Deliberate Self Harm and excluded Ingestion +alcohol due to the fact that there were children under the age of 18 brought in for ingestion of multiple different substances not related to Mental Health.

Financial year	Total
2010/11	112
2011/12	130
2012/13	114
2013/14	162
2014/15	190
2015/16	257
2016/17	327
2017/18	371
2018/19	398
2019/20	372
2020/21	365
2021/22	414
2022/23	450
2023/24	77
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3739</b>

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**