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John Brown

Date: 26/02/2020  
Your Ref:  
Our Ref: FOI Req 4832

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Dear Sirs,

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

Further to your recent enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 30 January 2020 please find our response below. In your request you asked for the following information:

Q1 How many times over the last five years have Psychiatric nurses utilised 'holding power' in a hospital setting regarding a psychiatric patient?

**A1 There were zero incidences of Holding Power under the terms of the MH(Scot)Act being used, which involves legal documentation being completed and sent to the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland.**

If you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Western Isles has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request within 40 working days and we will respond within 20 working days of its receipt. For this review you should write to Information Governance Manager, NHS Western Isles, 37 South Beach, Stornoway Isle of Lewis, HS1 2BB stating clearly why you wish a review to be carried out.

If, following the outcome of a request for review, you are still dissatisfied you have the right to make an application for a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or by telephone on 01334 464610 or via the website [www.itspubliknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspubliknowledge.info/Appeal).

If you have any further queries regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Carol Macdonald  
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