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Dear Ms Thomson

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail 18 June 2018, requesting:

"I am making a request under Freedom of information legislation about mental health. Specifically I would like the following information:

1. *How often have physical restraints been used in health facilities in each of the past four years. I would like this information in the following format*

NAME OF FACILITY YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 3 Eg Central Hospital 10 5 9 14

2. *How often were police called to respond to an incident that involved the use of physical restraint in each of the past four years. I would like this information in the following format*

NAME OF FACILITY YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 3 Eg Central Hospital 10 5 9 14

3. *Number of people in locked/secure wards in each of the past four years. Please provide a numerical figure of the number of individuals in beds in wards or facilities that are secured. I would like this information in the following format*

4. *Please provide the average length of time that individuals spent in secure/locked wards or facilities in each of the past four years.*

NAME OF FACILITY YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 3 Eg Central Hospital 10 5 9 14

5. *Please provide the longest length of time an individual has spent in a locked ward in each health facility in the area. Please provide this information in the following format*
NAME OF FACILITY YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 3 Eg Central Hospital 10 5 9 14

Also, please provide any context for this case – the reason for admission, the reason for the length of stay – but without breaching data protection.

6. Please provide the total number of mental health nurses employed by the health board in each of the past five years.

NAME OF FACILITY YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 3 Eg Central Hospital 10 5 9 14”

I can now respond as follows:

How often have physical restraints been used in health facilities in each of the past four years?

| Name of Facility | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Dr Gray's Hospital | 274 | 163 | 89 | 80 |
| Elmwood | 239 | 221 | 293 | 264 |
| Royal Cornhill Hospital | 697 | 765 | 1119 | 1550 |
| Seafield Hospital | 15 | 59 | 39 | 75 |

How often were police called to respond to an incident that involved the use of physical restraint in each of the past four years?

NHS Grampian can advise that we do not keep records of when the police have been called to an incident involving the use of physical restraint; s.17 of the Act refers – Information not held.

Number of people in locked/secure wards in each of the past four years? Please provide a numerical figure of the number of individuals in beds in wards or facilities that are secured.

Please be advised in relation to the below table that NHS Grampian does not hold these figures for 2014; s.17 of the Act refers – Information not held.

| Name of Facility | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|------------------|------|------|------|
| Forensic Rehab | 119 | 131 | 131 |
| IPCU | 48 | 51 | 46 |
| GW Lodge | 58 | 69 | 60 |
| Davan Ward | 102 | 119 | 125 |
| Loriston Ward | 74 | 88 | 86 |
| Muick Ward | 207 | 205 | 173 |

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|----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Skene Ward | 170 | 169 | 177 |
| Strathbeg Ward | 77 | 86 | 85 |
| Bruckley Ward | 65 | 72 | 64 |
| Scolty Ward | 80 | 76 | 84 |
| Ashcroft Ward | 71 | 65 | 72 |
| Forensic | 54 | 46 | 50 |

Please provide the average length of time that individuals spent in secure/locked wards or facilities in each of the past four years.

Please be advised in relation to the below table that NHS Grampian does not hold these figures for 2014; s.17 of the Act refers – Information not held.

| Name of Facility | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Forensic Rehab | 6.4 months | 5.2 months | 4.8 months |
| IPCU | 2.1 months | 1.9 months | 1.0 month |
| GW Lodge | 1 month | 1.5 months | 4 weeks |
| Davan Ward | 9 months | 8 months | 7 months |
| Loirston Ward | 14 months | 16 months | 10 months |
| Muick Ward | 8 months | 10 months | 8 months |
| Skene Ward | 5 months | 6 months | 5 months |
| Strathbeg Ward | 25 months | 20 months | 16 months |
| Bruckley Ward | 8 months | 5 months | 5 months |
| Scolty Ward | 13 months | 11 months | 10 months |
| Ashcroft Ward | 18 months | 10 months | 15 months |
| Forensic | 1.5 months | 1.7 months | 2 months |

Please provide the longest length of time an individual has spent in a locked ward in each health facility in the area, and please provide any context for this case – the reason for admission, the reason for the length of stay – but without breaching data protection.

| Name of Facility | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Royal Cornhill Hospital | 52 weeks | 104 weeks | 156 weeks | 208 weeks |

NHS Grampian can advise this was due to security concerns. No further information can be provided as that would identify the individuals; s.38(1)(b) of the Act refers – Personal Information.

Please provide the total number of mental health nurses employed by the health board in each of the past five years.

Please be advised in relation to the below table that “NR” stands for Non registered Nursing Staff and “R” stands for Registered Nursing Staff

| Total number of mental health nurses employed | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Name of Facility | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Royal Cornhill Hospital | 201 NR/600 R | 191 NR/598 R | 194 NR/575 R | 220 NR/562 R |

Under section 20 (1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Grampian has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request, and you have a right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

A request for review must be made within 40 working days and should, in the first instance, be in writing to: Directorate of Corporate Communications, Foresterhill House, Foresterhill, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZB or by email to grampian@nhs.net

Requests for appeal can be made by using the Scottish Information Commissioner’s online service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal or should be made in writing to: Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS Telephone: 01334 464610, Fax: 01334 464611.

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