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Dear Mr Jones

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Further to my acknowledgement letter of 14 May 2014, I note your request and I can confirm that the Trust holds all of the information you have requested and I am able to release it as follows:

*Can I kindly request the following information;*

1. *What is the Trusts current position on the prevention and management of violence?*

The Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's position on the prevention and management of violence and aggression is outlined in its Prevention and Management of Violence and Aggression (PMVA) policy. A copy of which is attached for information.

In light of the recent Department of Health publication 'Positive and Proactive Care', the Trust reviewing its policy and all interventions in order to ensure that our current practices meet the recommendations set out in the report.

2. *Who governs its practice and what particular model does the Trust adopt.*

Mr Phil Brice, Director of Governance and Corporate Development, is the Executive Lead with responsibility for this policy and for practice in the Prevention and Management of Violence and Aggression.

The model adopted by the organisation for personal defence readiness is based on a model of early recognition of potential aggressive/ violent incidents, which utilises the natural startle/ flinch reaction. Trainers receive regular training to ensure that skills and training practice are current

Older Adults Safe Holding and Control and Restraint techniques taught in the Trust are based on the Broadmoor model but have been adapted to fit the needs of the organisation. These techniques promote the least restrictive approach in managing

situations. All the Trust's PMVA trainers are required to refresh their skills and be validated in delivering these modules of PMVA.

3. *Who is your training accredited by?*

All Trust staff delivering PMVA training are currently validated/accredited through peer review in association with Avon and Wiltshire NHS Partnership Trust and Oxford Health NHS Trust.

4. *What qualifications do your trainers have?*

All Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust PMVA trainers hold a 'Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector' (PTLLS) teaching qualification and a BTEC Level 3 Advanced Award in Law and Risk Management.

The lead PMVA trainer is a qualified and experienced Registered Mental Nurse (RMN) and all PMVA trainers have clinical experience in practice in a variety of inpatient settings.

If you require further assistance or clarification to any part of this reply please quote the reference number and contact the Corporate Services Team on 01278 432000 or contact Dawn Godfrey, FOI & Complaints Officer, directly on 01278 432084 or via e-mail at [FOI@sompar.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@sompar.nhs.uk)

I hope this reply is helpful and thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



**PHIL BRICE**

Director of Governance and Corporate Development

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