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From: Public  
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Subject: Chemical restraint

## REQUEST

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.).**

## RESPONSE

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.