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Dear

**RE: Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 01/06/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

**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.**

To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

**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.**

Please see below table. Please note that our Emergency Departments Oceano system came into place during January 2014, therefore we are unable to provide any data prior to this period. Also, to note that the below data for 2013/14 and 2023/2024 financial years are incomplete years.

<b>Financial Years</b>	<b>No. Of patients</b>
2013/2014 (January 2014- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014)	87
2014/2015	418
2015/2016	458
2016/2017	574
2017/2018	595
2018/2019	652
2019/2020	688
2020/2021	635
2021/2022	877
2022/2023	922
2023/2024 (April 2023 – 1 <sup>st</sup> of June 2024)	209

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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