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Health Sector workers Network

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Official information Request:

Dear Health Work Sectors Network,

Thank you for your request for official information, received on 11 December 2017, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act (1982):

1. *Can you please provide all policy documents relating to restraint practices at Hutt DHB?*

HVHDHB's current 'Restraint Minimization and Safe Practice' policy is attached to this email.

2. *Are there instances in the last year (June 2016 to June 2017) of the use of mechanical restraints? (i.e. strapping arms to bed) this is also referred to as physical restraint.*

Can you please provide this data for both physical and mental health services and identify the service associated with this data?

3. *This data should be recorded in a Restraint Register and specify the type of restraint used (ie wrist strap) and the start and finish times of each individual mechanical/physical restraint. Obviously the presentation of this data should be anonymised for the protection of privacy.*

HVDHB are aware of no incidents that involved the use of mechanical/physical restraint (the application of a device in order to restrain a patient –e.g. the use of a belt/strap, tilted chair, straight jacket etc.) – between June 2016 – June 2017.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to seek a review or to ask the Ombudsman to review the information that has been provided to you.

Regards,



Nigel Fairley

General Manager and DAMHS