

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000863
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Restraint in Special Schools

Request:

Please provide me with the number of times restraints have been used on pupils within special schools at your authority over the last three school years, 2015/16, 2014/15 and 2013/14.

Please provide us with the names of companies used by special schools in your area to train teachers and school staff in the use of physical restraint/ management of challenging behaviour.

Special schools: Schools which provide tailored provision for pupils with special educational needs.

Restraints: instances where a child or young person has been restrained or when restraint techniques or holds have been used.

Please break this information down by school population, number of restraints recorded and year.

Of those, please provide the number of cases during which staff or pupils suffered an injury and the number of times police were called linked to an incident.

Suggested response template:

School Year	Population	# Restraints	Injuries	Police
2015/16				
2014/15				
2013/14				

In response to your above questions, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the information on restraints used in special schools (or mainstream schools). Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

I can advise you that this information would be held by the individual schools.