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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4920**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 14th October 2021.

Your request was as follows:

1.  Does the NHS Trust authorise the use of any kind of mechanical restraint?

[No The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust \(WCFT\) does not authorise the use of any kind of mechanical restraint.](#)

2. What types of Mechanical Restraint is authorised? e.g. Handcuffs; Soft Cuffs; Velcro Leg restraints; Emergency Response Belts (ERB). Spit hoods

[N/A](#)

3. Is the necessary training to apply the authorised form of mechanical restraint linked to a nationally recognised training qualification?

[N/A](#)

4. Does the NHS Trust authorise the use of Posey Mitts, if a risk assessment deems them to be a reasonable and proportionate response?

[Yes The WCFT does authorise the use of Posey Mitts, if a risk assessment deems them to be a reasonable and proportionate response.](#)

5. Total number of recorded incidents of mechanical restraint usage (of any type) if in use for the period September 2020 -September 2021

[There has been 0 recorded incidents of mechanical restraint usage of any type for the period September 2020 -September 2021.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4920 in any future communications.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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