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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-0525 - Restraint Techniques
Date: 20 April 2017 14:43:40
Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 30 March 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

The time frame for all questions is 2015 through 2016.

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1) Can you please advise: are restraints used in any Aberdeen educational facilities?

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ACC does not use physical restraints although many of our pupils require supportive restraints for their postural needs (EG. Specialist seating equipped with specialist harnesses). Some pupils require five point harnesses in transport to ensure their safety and also specialist rucksacks while accessing the community (Little Life).

CALM (Crisis and Aggression Limitation and Management) is the approved system for behaviour management adopted by ACC's education service.

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2) Is confinement used and if so have there been any incidents of children being bruised or cut in such situations?

No

3) If the answer is yes, do these practices exist and have children suffered physical harm?

N/A

4) Please supply the names of schools where these practices are allowed?

N/A

5) What training those who use these methods have undergone?

N/A

6) How many instances of children being restrained or confined have occurred in 2015 and 2016 in any schools/educational institutions where these practices are allowed?

Please see the links below to FOI-16-1630 and FOI-16-1101 which can be found on the ACC website - <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=74108&SID=27601> and <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=73465&SID=27601>

As the number of times restraints have been used on pupils within special schools at our authority over the last three school years 2015 and 2016 is otherwise accessible on our website at the link provided above, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 25(1) - Information Otherwise Accessible - of the FOISA.

Please also see response to FOI-17-0224 attached.

7) What the protocol is for informing parents their child has been so treated?

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If there has been any incident with regards to a pupil the parent/carer would be contacted directly to discuss what had happened and a full investigation/follow up carried out and report written.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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