



# MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

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Dear Karyn

Your Official Information Act request of 5 July 2017 is acknowledged.

I refer to your email requesting the following information under the Official Information Act pertaining to security cameras within the mental health inpatient units.

*1. Does the mental health inpatient unit currently have security cameras operating within the hospital area? I am defining hospital area as being the acute inpatient unit where there are cameras in operation within the ward setting. This excludes areas outside of the inpatient unit treatment areas such as car parks, public hospital grounds.*

Yes

*2. If the inpatient unit does have cameras operating may you please provide the following information -*

*a) When were the cameras installed?*

The cameras were installed in 2001

*b) Where are the cameras located?*

The cameras are located in many areas within the inpatient setting, such as the entry/exit; dining; corridors and courtyard.

*c) How many cameras are operating?*

Seven

*d) "Seclusion, Restraint, and Assault" reporting data for one year prior to the installation of any security cameras.*

The data is unavailable for this time period, as electronic recording only commenced in 2012.

*e) "Seclusion, Restraint, and Assault" reporting data for one year after the installation of any security cameras.*

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The data is unavailable for this time period, as electronic recording only commenced in 2012.

Any data available that is relevant to your request regarding seclusion for this period would be contained in individual clinical files. To review all clinical files for a year to identify and retrieve this data would take considerable time, attention and require a significant level of resource, therefore there may be a cost attached to completing this work. Please advise us if you still wish to pursue the request for seclusion data and we can request an estimate of cost from our administration team.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Nolan', written in black ink.

Christopher Nolan  
Service Director  
**Mental Health & Addiction Service**