## **Corporate Services**



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**Health Sector Workers Network** 

Via email: fyi-request-7000-fc1ffea7@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Sir/Madam

## YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST

I refer to your request dated 13 December 2017 where you requested from the Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB) all policy documents relating to restraint practices at HBDHB.

You have specifically requested the following information:

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

Under the Official Information Act 1982, we have 20 working days from receipt of your request to respond. However, with the upcoming Christmas and New Year close down period as set out in the Act, the dates between 28 December 2017 and 15 January 2018 are not considered "working days"

Therefore, we anticipate a response back to you by 1 February 2018.

Yours sincerely

ANNA KIRK

**Communications Manager**