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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-042909-19  
Restrictive interventions used by schools**

Thank you for your request for information relating to restrictive interventions used by schools. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

**1 Please provide details of the total number and types of restrictive interventions used by schools maintained in your authority in the years 2017-2019.**

In April 2017 there was a question asked on the Governors Report (Q18). Of the schools that responded there were 721 interventions. This has not been asked since so no other information is available to provide in response to this question.

For the avoidance of doubt, this request includes seclusion, segregation and deprivation of liberty, as well as all forms of restraint.

**2. Please provide the names of any companies or other bodies which have provided training in restrictive interventions (including training that includes guidance on how to carry out any kind of physical intervention), in schools maintained in your authority from 2017-2019. Please note that some training providers offer this training within packages of "positive behaviour handling/support".**

Crisis Prevention Institute – January 2017 – July 2018 provided licence for training.

August 2018 – December 2019 - local authority bespoke training

Training provided by NCC

Jan 2017 – Dec 2017 – 3134 staff across 9 Special Schools, 9 Secondary and 105 Primary

Jan 2018 – Dec 2018 – 3426 staff across 10 Special Schools, 14 Secondary and 129 Primary

Jan 2019 – Dec 2019 – 3153 staff across 10 Special School, 10 Secondary and 123 Primary

**3. Please say how much your authority has spent on such training.**

CPI were paid £7280 in 2017

**4. Please provide the number of injuries caused during restrictive interventions in schools maintained in your authority from 2017-2019.**

I can confirm that the Council holds this information. However, this information is not recorded centrally in a way that would allow us to readily extract it and it would require a manual search of individual records to identify the detail you have requested.

You may be aware that there is a statutory limit to the amount of time authorities are required to spend retrieving and collating information in order to respond to a request. This is defined in the Fees and Appropriate Limit Regulations and currently stands at 2.5 days or 18 hours. We estimate that it will take one officer in excess of 2.5 days to locate the information you have requested.

For the requested years            2017 there is a total of 551 incidents  
                                                 2018 - 804 incidents; and  
                                                 2019 – 726 incidents

This makes an overall total of 1651 incidents that would require to be reviewed for the period in question, 1651 case records and allowing for 5 minutes per record it will take in excess of 137 hours to extract the level of detail you have requested. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to process requests that exceed this limit.

**5. Please provide the number of formal complaints made by parents about restrictive interventions to you about schools maintained in your authority 2017-2019. Please break the data down by school; and by year, and month if possible.**

**6. Please provide any and all formal complaints (i.e. the documents themselves) made by parents about restrictive interventions about schools maintained in your authority in 2017-2019. These could be in whatever format the complaints are submitted to the school/authority, whether in a letter, email or specialised format such as a form.**

This information is not recorded centrally in a way that would allow us to readily extract it and it would require a manual search of individual records to identify the detail you have requested. You may be aware that there is a statutory limit to the amount of time authorities are required to spend retrieving and collating information in order to respond to a request. This is defined in the Fees and Appropriate Limit Regulations and currently stands at 2.5 days or 18 hours. We estimate that it will take one officer in excess of 2.5 days to locate the information you have requested.

We have a total of 408 case records and allowing for 5 minutes per record it will take in excess of 34 hours to extract the level of detail you have requested. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to process requests that exceed this limit.

**7. Please give the number of Reasonable Use of Force reports made in schools maintained in your authority from 2017-2019. For the avoidance of doubt, this refers to reports written by staff around use of force incidents. The institutions within your authority may use a different name to describe them. Please break the data down by school; and by year, and month if possible.**

Schools will have their own records, but these records are not requested or collated by NCC.

**8. Please provide the Reasonable Use of Force reports (i.e. the documents themselves) made in schools maintained in your authority from 2017-2019.**

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**9. Please provide your authority's policy on the use of restrictive interventions. If you do not have one, please explain why.**

There is not a local authority policy, schools are advised to have their own school policy or reference use of physical intervention, seclusion, timeout or any other restrictive intervention in their behaviour policy or standalone policy. Guidance is given

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, [click here](#) to see the Disclosure logs.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the

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Yours sincerely

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