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Requested:

Current clinical guidelines/policies on the management of violence and aggression and use of restraint across different trusts in Wales. It is intended to review if policies/guidelines are trauma informed.

Would it be possible to be granted access to these policies for Hywel Dda University Health Board.

Response:

As some of the information requested is already within the public domain, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), as the information is accessible by another means. The following policies are available on the UHB's website:

- Policy 843 - Reducing Restrictive Practice Policy – online

Please note:- The above policy was developed and approved in September 2022, aiming to set out and articulate the UHB's commitment to reducing restrictive practices and applying the least restrictive principles to all aspects of its business and service delivery. It applies to all staff and clinical services involved with all patient groups in all areas covered by the UHB.

- Policy 285 – Violence and Aggression Policy
- Policy 170 – Lone Worker Policy
- Policy 323 – CCTV Policy

For ease of reference, please click on the attached link, which will take you directly to the policies' webpage:

[Policies and written control documents - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthboard/hywel-dda/policies-and-written-control-documents)

The UHB also provides the following policies which are relevant to your request, at Attachments 1 to 3:

- Attachment 1 – Policy 609 – Seclusion Policy
- Attachment 2 – Policy 163 – Deprivation Of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) Policy
- Attachment 3 – Policy 654 – Management of violence and physically threatening behaviour in adults guideline