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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ02340**

Thank you for your request for information relating to restraints used on pupils.

Please provide me with the number of times restraints have been used on pupils within special schools at your authority over the last three school years, 2015/16, 2014/15 and 2013/14.

Please provide us with the names of companies used by special schools in your area to train teachers and school staff in the use of physical restraint/management of challenging behaviour.

Special schools: Schools which provide tailored provision for pupils with special educational needs.

Restraints: instances where a child or young person has been restrained or when restraint techniques or holds have been used.

Please break this information down by school population, number of restraints recorded and year.

Of those, please provide the number of cases during which staff or pupils suffered an injury and the number of times police were called linked to an incident.

Suggested response template:

School Year	Population	# Restraints	Injuries	Police
2015/16				
2014/15				
2013/14				

Response to your FOI:

Please see link below regarding school population;

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/777/schools - key statistics>

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

In regards to restraints, injuries, and Police, I can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

To advise and assist your further please contact the schools directly;

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolcontactdetails>

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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