

**Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/231**

**Subject: Court of Protection Applications**

I can confirm that the ICB does hold the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to find out how many contact orders the ICB has applied for to restrict visitation rights on families of a protected party.</p> <p>Please answer the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many applications to the Court of Protection have you made per year, in the past five years (1st April 2020 to 31st March 2025), asking the court to impose contact restrictions on family members of a protected party?</li> </ol> <p>If possible, could this be broken down by category of mental impairment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a protected party with learning disabilities and autism who may lack the capacity to make decisions about contact with family</li> <li>a protected party living with dementia who may lack the capacity to make decisions about contact with family</li> </ol>	<p>2 applications made between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025</p> <p>Both applications involved an individual with Learning Disabilities.</p>

c) a protected party living with a mental impairment other than a) or b) who may lack the capacity to make decisions about contact with family

To clarify, we are interested in the number of applications made, not the number of people per application.

If you are unable to provide details of applications asking the court to impose contact restrictions for the category of family members, please provide details for all applications asking the court to impose contact restrictions between a protected party and a person(s)

**The information provided in this response is accurate as of 10 November 2025 and has been approved for release by Rosi Shepherd, Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.**