

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-706

5 December 2022

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

1) Within your trust who is responsible for ensuring that the trust have the appropriate equipment for the management of falls? This should not be confused with a procurement team purchasing the equipment more who makes the clinical decision. (Often this will sit with a Manual Handling Advisor or Falls lead)

The Trust Manual Handling Advisor

2) Within your trust, if known, please could you confirm the number of falls reported in total for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to current date of recorded data.

| Year Reported | Number of Falls Reported |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 2019 | 2143 |
| 2020 | 1858 |
| 2021 | 1772 |
| 2022 YTD to 29/11/22 | 1818 |

Please note that these figures should be interpreted with caution as they are likely to be skewed due to increased bed numbers and changes as a result of COVID-19.

3) Of those falls, if known, please can you confirm the number of falls that were deemed as non-injury.

| Year Reported | No harm caused to a person or the organisation / Near Miss |
|----------------------|---|
| 2019 | 1490 |
| 2020 | 1399 |
| 2021 | 1338 |
| 2022 YTD to 29/11/22 | 1353 |

4) At any site within your trust, do you have a falls response team/bleep where a designated person(s) respond to a reported fall.

No.

5) Does your trust have any of the following equipment within the trust and if so how many

- **Flat Lifting Kit – Mangar Rhino, Hovertech Hoverjac, GBUK Banana Flojac**
Hoverjacks x2

- **Mechanical Lifting Aid – Liftup Raizer Chair**

None.

- **Air Assisted Lifting Aid – Mangar Elk, Camel or Eagle**

None.

- **Any other equipment used for the retrieval of the fallen patient**

Ferno Scoop stretcher.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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