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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the management of falls.

You asked:

- 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)*
- 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.*
- 3) Of those falls, if known, please can you confirm the number of falls that were deemed as non-injury.*
- 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.*
- 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*
 - Mechanical Lifting Aid – Liftup Raizer Chair*
 - Air Assisted Lifting Aid – Mangar Elk, Camel or Eagle*
 - Any other equipment used for the retrieval of the fallen patient*

Trust response:

- 1) This role is the joint responsibility of the Trust's Moving and Handling advisor and Falls Lead. The Trust follows guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details. Information relating to staff that is not

currently publicly available on our website will not be released under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees.

- 2) Falls data is collected April-March. Number of falls reported and validated -
2018/2019 – 1388
2019/2020 – 1479
2021/2022 – 1883
2022/2023 so far (accurate as of 1/12/22) – 1156.
- 3) The Trust has used the definition of non- injury as severity No Harm. Please note 2018/2019 figures are not available.

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-2020
No Harm	1538	1164	1170
Total validated falls	1883	1423	1479

- 4) The Trust does not have a falls response team/bleep. Ward staff report falls to medical staff on ward. If out of hours staff will contact the on-call Dr and the Site Practitioner.
- 5) The Trust has 4 HoverJacks, 2 on each site. We also use the hoist and sling or hoist and Ferno scoop stretcher to lift the patient from the floor.