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High Low Bed Guidance

Information Requested:

Just wondered if there was a document around risk assessment/guidance about when to select a high low bed and the risk assessment around this?

Response details:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board does not hold this information. However, under our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, the UHB can inform you that, there is no specific risk assessment to determine when to use a high low bed. This is determined by the professional judgement of the nurse and is an intervention included in the Multifactorial Assessment for falls. Low beds are included as a targeted intervention as part of the Multifactorial Assessment for falls, under the potential actions/ interventions.

The lowest position is generally used if people are at risk of falling/slipping/sliding from the bed or if someone is of a small stature. This position is also associated with the use of bedrails decision. There is no specific 'assessment tool' as the position of the bed may also need to be at optimum position to facilitate safe transfer at different times/activities.

