

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/583

Falls

Information Requested:

- 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)**

There is no one designated lead for flat lifting equipment in Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB). A procurement exercise was undertaken in response to the initial patient safety solution and since then clinical areas have purchased their own equipment.

- 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.**

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of falls	3422	3344	3487	3497
Non-injury	2059	1936	1989	1650

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

Please see the table above.

- 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.**

There is not currently a dedicated person(s) or team for lifting someone. The responsibility usually lies with the clinical team looking after the patient. The site practitioner may be involved, particularly on mental health wards, when physical health expertise is not readily available to assess the patient.

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

a. Flat Lifting Kit –

The UHB have only flat lifting kits (Hoverjac – 7 and FloJac - 1)

b. Mechanical Lifting Aid – None

c. Air Assisted Lifting Aid – None

Any other equipment used for the retrieval of the fallen patient –

The UHB also use the full passive hoist for some falls.