

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/542**  
**Risk of Falls within an Older Adult Mental Health Inpatient Ward**

**Information Requested:**

1. Could you please provide the data for risk of falls with older people within an older adult mental health inpatient ward over the last 3 years between the hours of 17:00 - 08:00hrs.
2. Could you please provide the same data over the last 3 years between the hours of 08:00 - 17:00hrs.
3. Could you please provide the data whether those patients of risk of falls have dementia compared to those who are cognitively intact.
4. Could you provide where the falls have taken place between 08:00 - 17:00hrs and 17:00 - 08:00hrs.

**Response Details:**

**In response to questions 1 and 2:**

There was a total number of 531 falls within MHSOP inpatients recorded on Datix for the period 01/10/2020 to 30/09/2023.

Of these, 335 (63%) occurred between the times of 17:00 to 08:00 and 196 (37%) occurred between 08:00 and 17:00.

The highest numbers of average falls occur between 14:00 and 16:00.

**In response to question 3:**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. The data was captured from wards for patients with dementia as well as those with a functional mental health need; records of falls do not categorise patients by diagnosis.

**In response to question 4:**

In completing a search for the information requested, the UHB has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set

within the Fees Regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The Fees Regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

However, as per to our section 16 duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that these occurred within the inpatient setting. The UHB does not hold data that would accurately reflect which part of the ward this occurred in.