

FOI REF: 22/709

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**I am completing a study on the management of the fallen patient within NHS Trusts across the country and I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information as part of a Freedom of Information request.**

- 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)**

[Hazel Tonge](#)  
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- 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: 1463](#)  
[2020: 1434](#)  
[2021: 1636](#)  
[2022: 1794 \(01/01/2022 – 03/12/2022\)](#)

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

[Categorised as no injury/near miss: Total 4557.](#)

- 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, however if a patient collapses and it is deemed necessary a Medical Emergency Team call would be put out but depending upon the mechanism of injury / fall it may require additional expertise.](#)

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**

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

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

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

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Yours sincerely

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