FOI REF: 25/028

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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 would like to request any data you hold in regard to the following questions.

1.   **I am looking for the total number of falls sorted by hospital from the last 5 years?**

Please see the attached document – 'FOI 24-028 Patient Falls'.

2.   **I am looking for the total number of falls sorted by ward from the last 5 years?**

Please see the attached document – 'FOI 24-028 Patient Falls'.

3.   **I would also like to request all NHS email addresses for falls leads/groups within the trust? Or the person responsible for reducing the number of falls within the trust?**

Evette Davies, Assistant Director of Nursing DAS, is the lead for the falls steering group within the Trust. The reduction of falls for the Trust will be reported in by division, therefore, each Assistant Director of Nursing will be responsible for their own areas for falls reduction.

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact number for the Trust are accessible on the Trust website http://www.esht.nhs.uk.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

4.   **From the last 5 years on average how much does the trust pay out in compensation claims in relation to falls?**

The information requested above is collated by NHS Resolution and is available via their website which can be accessed using the link below:

Annual statistics - NHS Resolution

For further information, Freedom of Information requests to NHS Resolution can be made via the link below:

https://resolution.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/

5.   **Can you also provide the number of patients that absconded from the wards and which wards were affected for the last 5 years? (absconded – a inpatient that has left a ward without informing a staff member, making them a missing person)**

Please see the attached document – 'FOI 24-028 Patient Falls'.

6.   **In the last 5 years on average how much the trust pay out in compensation claims in relation to absconds from a ward cost the trust?**

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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), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
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FOI 25/028 Patient Falls by hospital (5 years)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Conquest Hospital	617	538	643	806	755	598	3957
Eastbourne DGH	634	660	765	929	739	738	4465
Bexhill Hospital	109	144	138	156	152	83	782
Sussex Premier Health	0	0	0	5	9	3	17
Rye Hospital	55	58	56	56	36	28	289
Uckfield Community Hospital	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	1415	1400	1603	1952	1691	1450	9318

FOI 25_028 Patient Falls by ward (5 years)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Judy Beard Gynae Temporary Ward	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Murray Medical Temporary Ward	0	0	0	0	37	16	53
Acute Assessment Unit	32	42	37	42	58	43	254
Acute Medical Unit Eastbourne	94	92	72	83	63	54	458
Baird Respiratory Ward	42	32	35	64	68	47	288
Benson and Egerton Trauma Unit	1	0	0	0	0	26	27
Berwick Ward	73	57	58	57	66	25	336
Cookson Attenborough Escalation Ward	0	8	7	6	6	1	28
Cookson Attenborough Short Stay Unit	5	7	6	22	18	21	79
Cookson Devas Elective Ward	31	9	10	27	19	28	124
Coronary Care Unit Conquest	3	8	4	1	3	1	20
Coronary Care Unit EDGH	12	9	15	10	12	10	68
Critical Care Unit Conquest	2	1	1	4	3	2	13
Critical Care Unit EDGH	2	0	0	2	0	0	4
Cuckmere Ward	39	54	69	48	46	11	267
De Cham Ward	64	56	70	89	79	51	409
Delivery Suite Conquest	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
Devonshire Ward	0	0	67	87	51	57	262
Discharge Lounge Conquest	0	0	3	4	3	1	11
Discharge Lounge Eastbourne	0	0	6	1	4	2	13
Egerton Winter Ward	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Frailty Unit	37	61	63	52	43	42	298
Frank Shaw Ward	1	1	2	1	3	2	10
Friston Urology & ENT Ward	0	0	0	0	5	24	29
Gardner Ward	40	17	11	12	10	16	106
Glynde Ward	8	18	23	74	51	71	245
Hailsham Urology Ward	30	31	14	22	13	5	115
Irvine Unit Intermediate Care Unit	106	145	134	163	147	83	778
ITU Escalation Ward (Cookson Devas)	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
James Ward	11	16	32	37	23	46	165
Jevington Ward	32	30	40	59	59	40	260
Jubilee Eye Suite	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
Kipling Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Unit	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kipling Ward	1	3	2	0	2	3	11
Litlington Medicine Ward	0	0	0	0	1	43	44
Macdonald Ward	39	45	57	60	36	15	252

Michelham Unit (Urology, ENT, Ophthalmology and Mixed Emergency	16	43	15	18	21	0	113
Mirlees Ward (Maternity Day Unit)	3	6	1	0	0	0	10
Murray Antenatal Ward (Gynaecology and Early Pregnancy Unit)	0	0	15	33	2	5	55
Newington Ward	52	67	78	99	80	76	452
Pevensey Ward	18	15	20	22	18	23	116
Richard Ticehurst Surgical Assessment Unit	23	17	20	30	29	41	160
Same Day Emergency Care Unit Conquest	0	0	1	4	2	0	7
Same Day Emergency Care Unit EDGH	0	0	1	6	4	2	13
Seaford Ward	40	30	29	30	38	39	206
Stroke Unit, EDGH	61	57	48	74	59	45	344
Sussex Premier Health Ward	0	0	0	4	9	2	15
Tressell Ward	61	38	40	49	57	53	298
Urology Investigation Suite	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wellington Ward	36	23	50	32	41	27	209
Westham Ward	22	52	46	49	32	8	209
Hailsham 4 Urology Ward	23	0	0	0	0	0	23
Folkington Ward, EDGH	23	0	0	0	0	0	23
Gardner Surgical Assessment Unit	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
Richard Ticehurst Surgical Ward	0	3	0	0	0	32	35
Seaford 2 Escalation Ward	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Admissions Unit (closing 19/04/21)	5	9	21	0	0	0	35
Egerton Discharge Lounge	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Polegate Discharge Lounge	2	8	10	0	0	0	20
Ambulatory Care Unit Eastbourne	1	0	5	0	0	0	6
Hailsham Day Surgery Post Op Ward	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Michelham Unit Urology Assessment Unit	0	0	13	19	0	0	32
Friston Escalation Ward	0	0	0	3	41	3	47
Friston Temporary ITU Ward	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Litlington Escalation Ward	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
Litlington Ward (Elective Orthopaedic and PP)	0	0	11	12	6	0	29
Polegate (Escalation) Ward	0	0	9	64	0	0	73
Benson Trauma Ward	54	43	57	50	40	2	246
Egerton Trauma Ward	42	29	24	51	34	0	180
Total	1188	1195	1359	1687	1447	1146	8022

FOI 25_028 Patients Absconding by Ward (5 years)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Acute Assessment Unit	6	4	4	9	8	1	32
Acute Medical Unit Eastbourne	13	11	22	11	19	5	81
Baird Respiratory Ward	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Berwick Ward	0	2	2	3	1	0	8
Cookson Attenborough Short Stay Unit	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cookson Devas Elective Ward	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Coronary Care Unit EDGH	2	2	0	1	0	0	5
Critical Care Unit Conquest	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Critical Care Unit EDGH	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Cuckmere Ward	1	3	4	4	5	0	17
De Cham Ward	3	8	4	2	6	0	23
Delivery Suite Conquest	1	0	1	0	0	0	2

Ward							Total
Devonshire Ward	0	0	5	1	1	0	7
Frailty Unit	1	0	2	0	1	0	4
Frank Shaw Ward	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Friston Urology & ENT Ward	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Gardner Ward	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Glynde Ward	1	0	0	1	3	0	5
Hailsham Urology Ward	4	3	0	0	0	0	7
Irvine Unit Intermediate Care Unit	1	3	1	3	1	0	9
ITU Escalation Ward (Cookson Devas)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
James Ward	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Jevington Ward	2	0	0	3	2	1	8
Kipling Ward	0	2	1	6	1	0	10
Litlington Medicine Ward	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Macdonald Ward	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Michelham Unit (Urology, ENT, Ophthalmology and Mixed Emergency	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
Mirlees Ward (Maternity Day Unit)	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Newington Ward	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pevensey Ward	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
Richard Ticehurst Surgical Assessment Unit	5	0	0	2	0	0	7
Same Day Emergency Care Unit EDGH	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Scott Acute Paediatrics Unit	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Seaford Ward	0	0	1	3	0	0	4
Special Care Baby Unit Conquest	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Stroke Unit, EDGH	2	0	1	0	2	0	5
Tressell Ward	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Wellington Ward	0	2	1	1	1	2	7
Westham Ward	4	1	2	0	5	0	12
Ambulatory Care Unit Conquest	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Folkington Ward, EDGH	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Gardner Surgical Assessment Unit	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Polegate Discharge Lounge	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Friston Escalation Ward	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Polegate (Escalation) Ward	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Benson Trauma Ward	2	2	1	0	0	0	5
Egerton Trauma Ward	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
Total	56	48	56	61	69	14	304