



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**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)**

Dr Christina Heaton, Falls lead.

- 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.**

Year (Jan – Dec)	Number
2019	788
2020	816
2021	860
2022	999

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

Year (Jan – Dec)	No Injury
2019	534
2020	597
2021	669
2022	728

**4) At any site within your trust, do you have a falls response team/bleep where a designated person(s) responds to a reported fall.**

Yes, we do have a designated person to respond to reported falls at our Wigan site, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary. This is the Duty Matron.

**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 · Mechanical Lifting Aid – Liftup Raizer Chair · Air Assisted Lifting Aid – Mangar Elk, Camel or Eagle · Any other equipment used for the retrieval of the fallen patient.**

Wigan site – Hoverjack, various hoists, the A&E Department have a stretcher attachment for the hoist

Wrightington site – Various hoists also with Stretcher attachments, they have a Raizer II and scoop stretcher.

Leigh Site - Various hoists.

Community React team - Razor and an Elk cushion.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Nurse & DIPC

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