



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-686

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding inpatient falls.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 I'm writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.**

**For each financial year from 2010/11 to 2022/23, please can you provide?**

- the total number of inpatient falls recorded at hospital,
- the total number of those falls resulting in injury to the patient,
- the total number of those falls resulting in death of the patient.

**Please can you provide this information in spreadsheet format as an Excel file, broken down by each year, as above, with the data on the inpatient falls provided for each year, as above?**

**A1** Total number of falls for the requested years are as follows (per financial year) and 2014-15 onwards the numbers include County Hospital after the formation of UHNM. See below:

- 2010-2011 = 1918, of which 668 resulted in injury/harm to the patient and 2 resulted in the death of a patient
- 2011-2012 = 2007, of which 632 resulted in injury/harm to the patient 0 resulted in the death of a patient
- 2012-2013 = 2055, of which 682 resulted in injury/harm to a patient 0 resulted in the death of a patient
- 2013-2014 = 2176, of which 729 resulted in injury/harm to a patient 0 resulted in the death of a patient
- 2014-2015 = 2602, of which 819 resulted in injury/ harm to a patient 3 resulted in the death of a patient

- 2015- 2016 = 2730, of which 829 resulted in injury/harm to a patient 1 resulted in the death of a patient
- 2016-2017 = 2978, of which 913 resulted in injury/harm of a patient and 1 resulted in the death of a patient
- 2017-2018 = 2867, of which 1255 resulted in injury/harm of a patient and 3 resulted in the death of a patient
- 2018-2019 = 2606, of which 2086 resulted in injury/harm of a patient and 0 resulted in the death of a patient
- 2019-2020 = 2608, of which 692 resulted in injury/harm to a patient and 3 resulted in the death of a patient
- 2020-2021 = 2389, of which 671 resulted in injury/harm of a patient and 2 resulted in the death of a patient
- 2021-2022 = 2635, of which 856 resulted in injury/harm of a patient and 5 resulted in the death of a patient
- 2022-23 (up to 31.1.23) = 2338, of which 820 resulted in injury/harm to a patient and 2 resulted in the death of a patient

Please note the table below relates to the number of people we see and treat each year

	<b>AE</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>OP</b>
2011/2012		197,421	764,609
2012/2013		196,703	740,403
2013/2014		201,280	809,953
2014/2015	166,133	201,641	833,797
2015/2016	167,825	203,589	807,083
2016/2017	165,535	209,772	840,774
2017/2018	161,697	214,309	836,968
2018/2019	175,141	239,109	834,655
2019/2020	172,576	237,125	821,923
2020/2021	134,968	174,912	695,534
2021/2022	169,882	207,790	839,619
2022/2023	152,181	207,842	797,848
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>1,465,938</b>	<b>2,491,493</b>	<b>9,623,166</b>

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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