

Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request regarding the provision of vestibular assessment and rehabilitation by your Trust's Falls Prevention Service (or equivalent).

World Guidelines for Falls Prevention and Management for Older Adults: A Global Initiative published in September 2022 (see below link) recommend routinely asking about dizziness and undertaking follow up assessment to identify causes, including vestibular. They reference the high incidence of BPPV and vestibular dysfunction in those presenting with falls and suggest managing vestibular issues should be considered as part of a multifactorial approach.

[World Guidelines for Falls Prevention and Management for Older Adults: A Global Initiative | British Geriatrics Society \(bgs.org.uk\)](#)

The request therefore has 3 specific questions:

1. Does your falls prevention team (or equivalent) have staff trained to assess and treat vestibular dysfunction?

No

2. If so, from which profession(s)?

N/A

3. Do you have any plans to develop this part of your falls prevention service?

No

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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