

Freedom of Information Act Request

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

Please could you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. This request forms part of a broader review into patient safety, falls response, and manual handling practices across NHS Trusts.

Patient Falls

1. 1. How many patient falls were recorded across your Trust between **January 2023 and January 2024?** **1615**
2. 2. How many patient falls were recorded between **January 2025 and April 2025?** **559**
3. 3. Of the falls recorded between **January 2023 and January 2024**, how many resulted in an additional injury or condition as a result of the fall? **39**
4. 4. Of the falls recorded between **January 2025 and April 2025**, how many resulted in an additional injury or condition as a result of the fall? **19**
5. 5. Does the Trust have an official falls protocol or guideline? **Yes Trust Policy**
6. 6. Does the Trust have a dedicated falls team? **Yes**
7. 7. If yes, how many staff members are part of this team? **1 member currently**

Please provide the **name and job title** of the person responsible for leading or overseeing the falls prevention strategy within the Trust.

The individual responsible for coordinating the manual handling function within the Trust is not employed in a senior leadership or public-facing role (i.e., Band 8a or above). Therefore, in accordance with Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Personal Information), we are withholding their name, as disclosure would breach their right to privacy under the Data Protection Act 2018.

However, we can confirm that the role title is: Falls Prevention Practitioner

Manual Handling

8. Does the Trust have a dedicated manual handling team? **YES**
 - o If yes, how many staff members are part of this team? **4.0 WTE**
9. Please provide the **name and job title** of the person responsible for managing or coordinating the manual handling team within the Trust.

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However, we can confirm that the role title is: CLINICAL EDUCATION MANAGER

Flat Lifting Equipment

10. Do you use any of the following flat lifting devices to assist patients from the floor after a fall?
Please indicate which apply:

- HoverJack (Etac) **YES**
- Flojac (GBUK)
- Rhino (Winnicare)
- Other (please specify)
- None

11. How many flat lifting devices are currently in use across the Trust? **8**

- If possible, please provide a breakdown by make or model. **All HoverJack**

12. Does the Trust provide regular training to staff on the use of flat lifting equipment? **YES**

13. Please provide the **name and job title** of the person responsible for overseeing training and operational use of flat lifting equipment across the Trust.

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However, we can confirm that the role title is Manual Handling Advisor

Operational Information

14. How many inpatient beds does the Trust currently operate across all sites?

- **Doncaster Royal Infirmary (DRI): Over 500 inpatient beds**
- **Bassetlaw Hospital: Over 170 inpatient beds_**
- **Montagu Hospital: Over 50 inpatient beds .**