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### Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 19 June 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to falls and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

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

The number of in patient falls per calendar year by site (5 years):

Site	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Bishop Auckland Hospital (BAH)	197	150	190	192	138
Chester-Le-Street Community Hospital (CLS)	41	49	26	31	27
Darlington Memorial Hospital (DMH)	750	594	631	646	653
Richardson Community Hospital	99	54	59	38	46
Sedgefield Community Hospital (SCH)	59	46	53	38	42
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital (SBCH)	33	23	8	8	10
University Hospital Of North Durham (UHND)	770	1026	973	794	766
Weardale Community Hospital	26	22	26	28	23
Woodlands Hospital CS					
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1775</b>	<b>1705</b>

**2. I am looking for the total number of falls sorted by ward from the last 3 years?**

Please see below table for the number of falls sorted by ward for the last 3 years:

Site	Ward	2017	2018	2019
Bishop Auckland Hospital	Ward 2 - BAH	3		
	Ward 4 - BAH	68	62	52
	Ward 6 - BAH	48	61	37
	Ward 16 - BAH	32	42	37
	Ward 17 - BAH	8	1	
	Ward 18 - BAH	9	15	12
	Ward 19 - BAH	1		
	Ward 20 - BAH	1		
	Ward 3 - BAH	19	11	
	Ward 7 - BAH	1		
Chester-Le-Street Community Hospital	Ward 1 - CLS	26	31	27
Darlington Memorial Hospital	Coronary Care Unit - DMH	9	11	15
	Day Surgery/Short Stay Unit - DMH	3	4	9
	High Dependency Unit - DMH			
	Intensive Treatment Unit - DMH	3	2	8
	Labour Ward - DMH	1	7	
	RAMAC - DMH	1		1
	SCBU - DMH			
	Ward 11 - DMH			
	Ward 14 - DMH	1	1	
	Ward 21 - DMH	2	4	1
	Ward 31 - DMH	15	17	27
	Ward 32 - DMH	21	25	28
	Ward 33 - DMH	50	51	56
	Ward 34 - DMH	65	61	81
	Ward 41 - DMH	93	89	94
	Ward 42 - DMH	17	21	26
	Ward 43 - DMH	70	79	83
	Ward 44 - DMH	62	77	44
	Ward 51 - DMH	106	99	75
	Ward 52 - DMH	106	89	95
Ward 61 - DMH	2	3	2	
Ward 62 - DMH	4	6	8	
Richardson Community Hospital	Starling Ward - Richardson Hospital	59	38	46
Sedgefield Community Hospital	Franziska Willer Ward - SCH	53	38	42
Shotley Bridge Community	Ward 2 - SBCH	8	8	10

Hospital				
University Hospital Of North Durham	Coronary Care Unit - UHND	8	6	
	Day Surgery/Short Stay Unit - UHND	3	4	3
	Emergency Department - UHND	21	20	26
	Intensive Treatment Unit - UHND		3	2
	North East Vascular Unit	6	37	7
	SCBU - UHND			
	Surgical Admissions Unit - UHND			
	Ward 1 - UHND	95	105	87
	Ward 2 - UHND	121	105	88
	Ward 3 - UHND	117	117	136
	Ward 5 - UHND	114	80	81
	Ward 6 - UHND	84	47	37
	Ward 7 - UHND	3	2	5
	Ward 8 - UHND	2	2	1
	Ward 9 - UHND	5	10	7
	Ward 10 - UHND	1	2	4
	Ward 11 - UHND	111	73	70
	Ward 11A - UHND		4	
	Ward 12 - UHND	43	29	37
	Ward 13 - UHND	36		
Ward 14 - UHND	141	92	106	
Ward 15 - UHND	43	28	31	
Ward 16 - UHND	19	28	36	
Ward 17 - UHND			2	
Weardale Community Hospital	Weardale Ward	26	28	23
Woodlands Hospital CS	Woodlands Ward			
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1966</b>	<b>1775</b>	<b>1705</b>

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

The Falls Leads for the Trust are Mrs Delcy Wells and Ms June Hughes who can be contacted via the following email addresses:

Mrs Delcy Wells: [delcywells@nhs.net](mailto:delcywells@nhs.net)

Ms June Hughes: [june.hughes4@nhs.net](mailto:june.hughes4@nhs.net)

**4. On average how much does falls cost the Trust per year?**

The calculation is based on the average estimates of the cost of falls by age in the report from NHS Improvement 2017. The cost of inpatient falls in hospital is as follows:

Direct impacts of inpatient falls (including increased length of stay, additional treatments, surgical needs): £4,438,203.

Indirect impacts of inpatient falls (including increased length of stay, additional treatments, surgical needs & litigation): £4,516,290. Figures have been calculated on financial year April 2018-March 2019.

**5. Can you also provide the number of patients that absconded from the wards and which wards were affected for the last 3 years?**

Department	2017	2018	2019
Coronary Care Unit - DMH	2		
Day Surgery/Short Stay Unit - DMH		1	
Franziska Willer Ward - SCH	1		
Intensive Treatment Unit - DMH			1
Intensive Treatment Unit - UHND			1
North East Vascular Unit		1	
Starling Ward - Richardson Hospital	1		
Surgical Admissions Unit - UHND	1		
Ward 11 Cardiology - UHND			
Ward 12 - Orthopaedics - UHND	4	4	12
Ward 14 Gen Med - UHND	6	7	7
Ward 16 - BAH	4	1	
Ward 16 Elderly Care - BAH			1
Ward 16 Gen Surg - UHND			
Ward 17 - BAH	1		
Ward 2 - BAH			
Ward 2 - Stroke Unit - UHND		3	2
Ward 21 Paeds - DMH		1	
Ward 3 - Acute Medical Unit - UHND		2	4
Ward 3 - Medical Admissions Unit - UHND	1	1	
Ward 31 Ortho - DMH			
Ward 31- Surgical Admissions - DMH	2	1	1
Ward 32 Gen Surg- DMH		1	1
Ward 33 Ortho - DMH	4	2	
Ward 34 - AMU- DMH	2		
Ward 4 Elderly Care - BAH	1		4
Ward 41 - DMH		1	
Ward 42 - DMH		1	
Ward 43 Gastro - DMH	1	1	
Ward 44 - DMH	3		

Ward 5 Elderly Care- UHND		4	1
Ward 51 Cardiology - DMH	1	5	1
Ward 6 - UNHD	1		
Ward 6 Elderly Care - BAH	4	6	3
Ward 62 Gynae - DMH			1
Ward 7 - Treetops - UHND	1		
Weardale Ward			1

**6. How much does each patient on average that absconds from a ward cost the Trust?**

The Trust does not record this information.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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