

## Title In-Patient Falls

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

*I would like to request any data you hold on in-patient falls from the last 5 years*

- 1. I am looking for the total number of in-patient falls sorted by each hospital within the Trust from the last 5 years? And how many were falls with harm?*

Answer: Please find attached CSV - FOI\_RDF2365-24 - Question 1 - In-Patient Falls.

Please note : \* < 5 - Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Full exemption can be found on page 2.

- 2. I am looking for the total number of in-patient falls sorted by wards within each hospital in the Trust from the last 2 years?*

Answer: Please find attached CSV - FOI\_RDF2365-24 - Question 2 - In-Patient Falls.

Please note : \* < 5 - Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Full exemption can be found on page 2.

- 3. I would also like to request all email addresses for ward managers and falls leads/groups within the Trust?*

Answer: The Trust does not release the names of staff below a Director under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Personal Information, where disclosure may contravene the Data Protection Act 2018 and therefore applies an exemption under Section 40 (2) - Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Section 10 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Chief Medical Officer is Adrian Harris, Medical Director. The main hospitals contact numbers are 01392 411611 (eastern services) and 01271 322577 (northern services) or via the Trust 'Contact Us' link on [royaldevon.nhs.uk](http://royaldevon.nhs.uk)

Where contact details are given for Trust staff in this response, notice is hereby given, under Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 2018, on behalf of the individual or individuals that this personal information may not be used for the purposes of direct marketing.

- 4. For the last 3 years, Who is the main supplier of Fall prevent Alarm and Mats, or any other fall prevention equipment?*

Answer: Northern Service:

Royal Devon Northern Services do not use any fall alarms or mats.

Answer Eastern Service:

The Freedom of Information Act allows the public to ask for copies of information held. This information is not held in documentation within the Trust; therefore, we are unable to release information in response to this question.

The Trust would not be able to identify the suppliers of fall-prevention alarms, mats, or other equipment. Those sorts of purchase would be recorded against other categories so would not be identifiable in our systems.

*5. Can you also provide the number of patients that absconded from the wards and which wards were affected for the last 2 years?*

Answer: Please find attached CSV - FOI\_RDF2365-24 - Question 5 - In-Patient Falls

\*<5 - Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act:

Please note that in accordance with Section 40 (2) where activity is 5 or less than 5, the Trust is unable to provide the exact information. We consider the data exempt on the following grounds:

The Trust considers that disclosure of the information risks identifying individuals. The reason for this is that the number of patients for which this applies is very low. This and the fact that the data requested relates to the RDUH Health NHS Trust only and therefore relates to patients treated in a specific location (rather than covering a larger geographical area), increases the risk of identification or self-identification.

The Trust's view is that s.40(2) is applicable because disclosure of information which could lead to a patient being identified would be a breach of the patient's rights under the Data Protection Act Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the GDPR, namely Principle 1.

Incidents by Incident date (Year) and Severity						
Hospital	Year	None - No/ minimal harm, loss or damage	Minor - Injury/ Illness requiring minor intervention, increase length of stay 1- 3 days	Moderate - Injury requiring professional intervention, increase length of stay 4-15 days	Severe - injury leading to long term incapacity/ disability, increase length of stay > 15 days	Fatal incident leading to death, multiple permenant injuries
Royal Devon - Wonford	2019	662	339	16	0	0
	2020	667	157	17	0	0
	2021	706	142	17	0	0
	2022	314	99	8	0	0
	2023	788	266	23	0	0
	2024	151	58	*<5	0	0
	Total	3288	1061	83	0	0
Royal Devon - North Devon District Hospital (NDDH)	2019	399	99	*<5	*<5	0
	2020	489	145	8	*<5	0
	2021	500	146	11	0	*<5
	2022	263	66	*<5	0	0
	2023	435	147	15	0	0
	2024	67	20	*<5	0	0

Incidents by Location - Ward/Department and Incident date (Year)				
Hospital	Ward	2022	2023	2024
Royal Devon - Wonford	Abbey Ward	10	18	*<5
	Acute Care of the Elderly (ACE)	10	6	0
	Acute Hospital at Home (AHAH)	*<5	0	0
	AMU	49	57	16
	Ashburn Ward	80	89	20
	Avon Ward	17	8	*<5
	Bolham Ward	57	26	14
	Bovey Ward	67	104	10
	Bramble Blue team	*<5	0	0
	Bramble Green team	*<5	*<5	0
	Capener Ward	39	45	9
	Clyst Ward	52	53	9
	Coronary Care Unit (CCU)	0	*<5	*<5
	Creedy Ward	26	34	8
	Culm East	16	25	*<5
	Culm HDU	0	*<5	0
	Culm West	35	34	8
	Dart Ward	44	34	8
	Durbin Ward	40	40	*<5
	Dyball Ward	9	*<5	*<5
	Emergency Department	31	21	*<5
	Exe Ward	22	22	12
	Holybrook (Wynard)	28	34	*<5
	ITU	6	*<5	0
	Kenn Ward	71	65	11
	Knapp Ward	*<5	9	0
	Labour Ward	*<5	0	0
	Lowman Ward	43	52	11
	Lyme Ward	30	29	*<5
	Mardon House	*<5	14	*<5
	Medical Triage Unit (MTU)	*<5	*<5	0
	Mere Ward	25	22	*<5
	Okement Ward	34	41	9
	Otter Ward	24	15	8
	Parkerswell Ward	*<5	*<5	0
	Recovery Main theatres	*<5	*<5	0
	Robin Ling (Tavy) Ward	27	33	6
	Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC)	0	*<5	0
	Sid Ward	*<5	*<5	0
	Taw Ward	16	*<5	0
	Torrige Ward	17	30	*<5
	Wynard Ward	18	*<5	*<5
	Yarty Ward	11	10	*<5
	Yealm Ward	57	45	10
	Yeo Ward	15	16	8
	Total	630	1070	211
	Royal Devon - North Devon District Hospital (NDDH)	Acute Hospital at Home and Frailty (AHAH) (Virtual Ward)	0	*<5
Alex Ward		42	43	9
Bassett Ward		0	*<5	*<5
Capener Ward (NDDH)		54	59	7
Emergency Department (A&E)		28	24	*<5
Fortescue Ward		97	177	21
Glossop Ward (Trauma)		60	33	7
Intensive Care Unit (ITU)		*<5	*<5	0
Jubilee Ward		*<5	7	0
King George V Ward (KGV)		27	27	7
Lundy Ward		12	10	*<5
Medical Assessment Unit		43	45	*<5
Recovery		0	*<5	0
Roborough Ward		8	6	*<5
Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC)		*<5	0	0
Staples Ward		54	71	16
Surgical Assessment Unit (AAA)		*<5	0	0
Tarka Ward (Respiratory)		28	29	*<5
Theatre 3		0	*<5	0
Theatre 6		*<5	0	0
Vanguard Unit	0	*<5	0	
Victoria Ward	31	40	7	

Incidents by Location - Ward/Department and Incident date (Year)					
Hospital	Ward	2022	2023	2024	
Royal Devon - Wonford	Abbey Ward	*<5	*<5	*<5	
	Acute Hospital at Home (AHAH)	0	*<5	0	
	AMU	27	20	9	
	Antenatal/Postnatal Ward	*<5	*<5	0	
	Ashburn Ward	*<5	*<5	*<5	
	Avon Ward	*<5	*<5	0	
	Bolham Ward	*<5	*<5	*<5	
	Bovey Ward	*<5	7	*<5	
	Bramble Blue team	*<5	20	0	
	Bramble Day Case Unit	0	0	*<5	
	Bramble Green team	0	*<5	0	
	Bramble High Dependency Unit	*<5	*<5	0	
	Bramble Yellow team	*<5	*<5	0	
	Capener Ward	*<5	*<5	0	
	Centre for Womens Health	*<5	0	0	
	Child Health Department	0	*<5	0	
	Clyst Ward	*<5	*<5	*<5	
	Coronary Care Unit (CCU)	0	*<5	0	
	Creedy Ward	0	*<5	0	
	Culm West	*<5	0	0	
	Dart Ward	0	*<5	0	
	Durbin Ward	0	*<5	0	
	Emergency Department	27	23	*<5	
	Exe Ward	0	*<5	0	
	Holybrook (Wynard)	*<5	8	0	
	ITU	0	*<5	0	
	Kenn Ward	*<5	*<5	0	
	Lowman Ward	8	6	0	
	Lyme Ward	*<5	*<5	0	
	Mardon House	0	*<5	0	
	Maternity Department	*<5	0	0	
	Medical Triage Unit (MTU)	*<5	0	0	
	Mere Ward	*<5	*<5	0	
	Neonatal Unit	*<5	0	0	
	Okement Ward	*<5	9	0	
	Otter Ward	*<5	*<5	0	
	Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC)	0	*<5	0	
	Torridge Ward	*<5	0	0	
	Wynard Ward	*<5	*<5	0	
	Yealm Ward	0	*<5	0	
	Total	111	139	22	
	Royal Devon - North Devon District Hospital (NDDH)	Alex Ward	*<5	*<5	0
		Capener Ward (NDDH)	*<5	8	0
Caroline Thorpe		*<5	14	*<5	
Day Surgery Unit (NDDH)		0	*<5	0	
Emergency Department (A&E)		0	9	*<5	
Fortescue Ward		*<5	*<5	*<5	
Glossop Ward (Trauma)		0	*<5	0	
Jubilee Ward		0	*<5	0	
King George V Ward (KGV)		0	*<5	0	
Medical Assessment Unit		0	*<5	0	
Staples Ward		*<5	*<5	0	
Tarka Ward (Respiratory)		0	*<5	0	
Victoria Ward		*<5	*<5	0	