

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request**

**Date Request Received: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

**FOI Ref No 28950**

**Requested Information:**

**Patient Falls**

1. How many patient falls were recorded across your Trust between **January 2023 and January 2024**?
2. How many patient falls were recorded between **January 2025 and April 2025**?
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?
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?
5. Does the Trust have an official falls protocol or guideline?
6. Does the Trust have a dedicated falls team? No
  - If yes, how many staff members are part of this team?
7. Please provide the **name and job title** of the person responsible for leading or overseeing the falls prevention strategy within the Trust.  
Stephanie Fuentes Wellstead, Improvement Practitioner Falls, Delirium and Dementia RCHT

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**Manual Handling**

8. Does the Trust have a dedicated manual handling team?
  - If yes, how many staff members are part of this team?
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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**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)
  - Flojac (GBUK)
  - Rhino (Winncare)
  - Other (please specify)
  - None
11. How many flat lifting devices are currently in use across the Trust?
  - If possible, please provide a breakdown by make or model.

12. Does the Trust provide regular training to staff on the use of flat lifting equipment?
12. 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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### Operational Information

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

### Response:

1. 1454 inpatient falls were reported across the trust.
2. 453 inpatient falls were reported across the trust
3. A total of 52 inpatient falls were reported, resulting in moderate or above harm.
4. A total of 23 inpatient falls were reported, resulting in moderate or above harm.

Note: The total inpatient falls reported in the monthly falls report to the trust reflects the incidents documented at that time. However, it is crucial to recognise that the number of reported incidents may fluctuate and could have changed since the initial submission. This variability arises from the fact that Datix operates as a live database, allowing for amendments to incidents and harms following additional review and investigation.

*NHS England: A best assessment at the time of the incident should be carried out and if, at a later date, more information is received, the incident degree of harm and other details about the incident can be amended. As new information becomes available, the incident harm grades (and any other relevant information) can be amended to reflect the update.*

5. Yes, the trust has a local policy focused Falls Prevention, Assessment, and Effective Management Policy for the Inpatient Setting.
6. No
7. Stephanie Fuentes Wellstead, Improvement Practitioner Falls, Delirium and Dementia RCHT
8. At RCHT we have 3 H&S Advisors who can cover moving and handling, but 1 person who is 0.5 WTE specifically leading on moving and handling. We cannot provide the name of these individuals due to GDPR.
9. Health Safety Moving and Handling Manager

10. HoverJack (Etac)

11. 20 - all Hoverjacks

12. Yes

13. Head of Learning and Development.

Second half of answer: overseeing operational use is the local senior person involved in its use.

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**Attachment(s):**

**Date Response sent:**