

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_80_19

You asked:

An officer at NHS Improvement told me that: "NHS Foundation Trusts should have details on (patient) falls in their organisations."

He also said that Trusts/Boards would also record the severity of the fall.

Could you please provide me with the following information:

1. The number of patient falls which have occurred in NHS hospitals within Cwm Taf Health Board for the years: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

In addition, could you also provide:

2. A breakdown of the number of these falls per hospital, by the years above.

a. A breakdown of the severity of these falls (e.g. low, medium, high)

3. The number of patients who were never discharged after their fall - i.e. died before discharge.

a. Could you break this down both by the years above, and by the hospital where they had the fall.

Our response:

Please see response attached.

Information relating to serious incidents is also contained within the Health Board's Annual Concerns Report from 2011 onwards. Please see link provided below:

<http://cwmtaf.wales/how-we-work/plans-and-reports/annual-concerns-reports/>

Patient safety incidents are also reported to [Board](#) via the Concerns (Complaints, Claims and Patient Safety Incidents) - update on high-risk events report, on a regular basis.

Incidents by Unit and Reported (Year)

Slip. Trip & Fall Incidents by Unit	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Royal Glamorgan Hospital	586	1040	1136	997	937	993	990	901	918	812	9310
Prince Charles Hospital	344	582	642	700	791	679	665	597	709	848	6557
Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda	0	270	394	410	364	386	437	410	329	315	3315
Ysbyty Cwm Cynon	0	0	0	252	320	310	267	269	309	332	2059
Dewi Sant Hospital	284	218	202	214	152	121	3	3	3	1	1201
Ysbyty George Thomas Hospital	98	192	136	108	79	70	89	84	40	5	901
St Tydfil's Hospital	89	151	201	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	505
Aberdare General Hospital	76	192	175	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	483
St Tydfil's Hospital	74	147	166	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	466
Pontypridd & District Hospital (Y Bwthyn)	8	20	16	12	10	16	18	18	15	31	164
Llwynypia Hospital	140	18	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	159
Mountain Ash General Hospital	22	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Total	1721	2839	3069	2876	2654	2575	2469	2282	2323	2344	25152

Incidents by Unit and Severity

Slip, Trip & Falls By Severity	Severity codes used pre. 1 April 2012				Current severity codes					Total
	Insignificant/low/no harm	Minor/slight	Moderate/Serious	Major/severe	No Harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death	
Royal Glamorgan Hospital	1022	1135	248	0	4014	1832	433	6	0	8690
Prince Charles Hospital	593	480	131	0	2968	1477	366	7	1	6023
Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda	342	332	48	0	1802	650	86	0	0	3260
Ysbyty Cwm Cynon	0	0	0	0	1292	675	91	1	0	2059
Dewi Sant Hospital	423	254	38	1	233	165	31	0	0	1145
Ysbyty George Thomas Hospital	145	229	44	1	189	237	32	0	0	877
St Tydfil's Hospital	126	197	31	0	14	38	2	0	0	408
Aberdare General Hospital	182	181	33	0	1	2	0	0	0	399
St Tydfil's Hospital	178	133	21	0	8	2	3	0	0	345
Pontypridd & District Hospital (Y Bwthyn)	26	15	4	0	70	39	9	0	0	163
Dewi Sant	6	9	8	0	10	28	4	0	0	65
Llwynypia Hospital	24	9	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	37
Total	3067	2974	609	2	10602	5145	1057	14	1	23471

1661 incidents whilst recorded with no severity have a result code of "no injury harm or adverse outcome or Near miss

Royal Glamorgan Hospital	590
Prince Charles Hospital	516
Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda	55
Dewi Sant Hospital	56
Ysbyty George Thomas Hospital	26
St Tydfil's Hospital	205
Aberdare General Hospital	83
Pontypridd & District Hospital (Y Bwthyn)	1
Llwynypia Hospital	118
Mountain Ash General Hospital	11
Total incidents recorded with no level of harm on Dat	1661