

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_467_22

You asked:

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information as part of a Freedom of Information request.

- 1) Within your Health Board who is responsible for ensuring that the Health Board have the appropriate equipment for the management of falls? This should not be confused with a procurement team purchasing the equipment more who makes the clinical decision. (Often this will sit with a Manual Handling Advisor or Falls lead)**

The Deputy Director of Nursing is the Patient Falls Lead for the Health Board. The Manual Handling Advisor provides advice on the provision of suitable equipment and training on the equipment and checks it monthly. The Manual Handling Advisor is not responsible for equipment purchases or servicing contracts.

- 2) Within your Health Board, if known, please could you confirm the number of falls reported in total for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to current date of recorded data.**

Falls by Year (01.04.2019 - 08.12.2022)	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Number of Falls per year	3379	3242	3111	2099	9733

- 3) Of those falls, if known, please can you confirm the number of falls that were deemed as non-injury.**

Falls deemed as non-injury (01.04.19 - 08.12.22)	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Falls deemed as non-injury	1689	1579	1540	955	5763

- 4) At any site within your Health Board, do you have a falls response team/bleep where a designated person(s) respond to a reported fall.**

The Health Board do not have a Falls Response Team. However, all patient facing staff are trained in Module E from the All Wales Manual Handling Passport and Information Scheme – Module E addresses the Falling, Fallen and Collapsed Patient. There is lifting equipment in all hospital sites, accessible 24 hours a day. The Health Board's Falls Response Team are all our staff, who are supported by our Falls Policy and Guidance which has clear pathways for action and escalation.

- 5) Does your Health Board have any of the following equipment within the Health Board and if so how many**

- **Flat Lifting Kit** – Mangar Rhino, Hovertech Hoverjac, GBUK Banana Flojac
- **Mechanical Lifting Aid** – Liftup Raizer Chair
- **Air Assisted Lifting Aid** – Mangar Elk, Camel or Eagle
- **Any other equipment used for the retrieval of the fallen patient**

Air Assisted Lifting Aid – Mangar Elk – 15 including those used in Training. The Mangar Elk is used by itself to raise patients with sitting balance and without injury. It is used in conjunction with a Ferno Scoop Stretcher to raise injured patients from the floor. Another option in Princess of Wales Hospital utilises a Scoop Stretcher attached to a hoist using W Straps.