

FOI 1648

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Would I be able to get the number of falls within the last 2 years? Also, the severity of falls, and number in each trust if possible. Could I also have the comparison statistics to adult in the same time frame etc.?

| Falls in hospital setting 1 April - 30 June 2021/22 | | |
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| Quarter 1 | | |
| Directorate | Total number of falls | Falls resulting in harm - moderate severity or above |
| Acute Services | 253 | <5 |
| Mental Health and Learning Disability | 75 | 0 |
| Childrens and Young People | 0 | 0 |
| Older People and Primary Care | 22 | 0 |
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| Falls in hospital setting 1 July - 30 September | | |
| Quarter 2 | | |
| Directorate | Total number of falls | Falls resulting in harm - moderate severity or above |
| Acute Services | 261 | <5 |
| Mental Health and Learning Disability | 83 | <5 |
| Childrens and Young People | <5 | 0 |
| Older People and Primary Care | 38 | 0 |
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| Falls in hospital setting 1 October - 31 December | | |
| Quarter 3 | | |
| Directorate | Total number of falls | Falls resulting in harm - moderate severity or above |
| Acute Services | 293 | 6 |
| Mental Health and Learning Disability | 84 | <5 |
| Childrens and Young People | <5 | 0 |
| Older People and Primary Care | 32 | 0 |
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| Falls in hospital setting 1 January - 31 March | | |
| Quarter 4 | | |
| Directorate | Total number of falls | Falls resulting in harm - moderate severity or above |
| Acute Services | 336 | 10 |
| Mental Health and Learning Disability | 70 | 0 |
| Childrens and Young People | <5 | 0 |
| Older People and Primary Care | 34 | 0 |

| Falls in hospital setting 1 April - 30 June 2022/23 | | |
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| Quarter 1 | | |
| Directorate | Total number of falls | Falls resulting in harm - moderate severity or above |
| Acute Services | 235 | <5 |
| Mental Health and Learning Disability | 79 | 0 |
| Childrens and Young People | <5 | 0 |
| Older People and Primary Care | 26 | 0 |
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| Falls in hospital setting 1 July - 30 September | | |
| Quarter 2 | | |
| Directorate | Total number of falls | Falls resulting in harm - moderate severity or above |
| Acute Services | 290 | 7 |
| Mental Health and Learning Disability | 71 | 0 |
| Childrens and Young People | 0 | 0 |
| Older People and Primary Care | 27 | 0 |
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| Falls in hospital setting 1 October - 31 December | | |
| Quarter 3 | | |
| Directorate | Total number of falls | Falls resulting in harm - moderate severity or above |
| Acute Services | 313 | 5 |
| Mental Health and Learning Disability | 53 | 0 |
| Childrens and Young People | <5 | 0 |
| Older People and Primary Care | 40 | <5 |
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| Falls in hospital setting 1 January - 31 March | | |
| Quarter 4 | | |
| Directorate | Total number of falls | Falls resulting in harm - moderate severity or above |
| Acute Services | 303 | <5 |
| Mental Health and Learning Disability | 44 | 0 |
| Childrens and Young People | <5 | 0 |
| Older People and Primary Care | 26 | <5 |

Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

If possible, could I also get information on if there were any litigations for children and young people in relation to inpatient falls compared to adults?

There are no records indicating that there have been any legal cases against the Southern Health and Social Care Trust relating to falls of children (0-18) in inpatient settings.



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There have been 15 claims relating to falls by adults in inpatient settings from 2010 to present date.

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