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Subject: Falls

REQUEST

1. I would like to request any data you hold on falls from the last 5 years?
(Question 2 and 3 are an expansion of this question)
2. I am looking for the total number of falls sorted by hospital from the last 5 years?
3. I am looking for the total number of falls sorted by ward from the last 5 years?
4. Is there any Falls Prevention Equipment currently in use? If yes, who was the supplier?
5. I would also like to request NHS email addresses falls leads/groups within the trust? Or the person responsible for reducing the number of falls within the trust?
6. From the last 5 years on average how much does the trust pay out in compensation claims in relation to falls?
7. Can you also provide the number of patients that absconded from the wards and which wards were affected for the last 5 years? (absconded – a inpatient that has left a ward without informing a staff member, making them a missing person)
8. In the last 5 years on average how much the trust pay out in compensation claims in relation to absconds from a ward cost the trust?

All questions are in relation to inpatients at the trust.

Please can your response be in a table format sorted by hospital/ward then by total number of falls per year up to and including this year.

RESPONSE

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request where it is estimated that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is specified within the regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days answering the request, either wholly or partially.