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Subject: Falls

REQUEST

1. Number of inpatient falls within the MWL Trust June 2024 -June 2025.
2. Number of inpatient falls specifically within the emergency department (Southport and Formby DGH, Whiston hospital specific if available. If not, then number of inpatient falls within the emergency departments across MWL organisation) June 2024 - June 2025.
3. Number of inpatient falls within the MWL Trust leading to severe harm June 2024 - June 2025.
4. Number if inpatient falls within MWL Trust that have led to death June 2024 - June 2025.
5. Number if inpatient falls within the MWL Trust (and Trusts prior merger) that have led to death overall in the last 5 years.
6. Number of patients attending the MWL Trust via the emergency department with their presenting complaint as a 'fall'. This can include fall, unwitnessed fall, mechanical fall, collapse?cause etc June 2024 - June 2025.
7. Of those inpatient falls within MWL, how many of those patients have had an increased length of stay in hospital? June 2024 - June 2025.

RESPONSE

1. Q1: Number of inpatient falls within the MWL Trust June 2024 -June 2025.
3,028

2. Number of inpatient falls specifically within the emergency department (Southport and Formby DGH, Whiston hospital specific if available. If not, then number of inpatient falls within the emergency departments across MWL organisation) June 2024 - June 2025.

105 (S&O)

177 (StHK)

282 (Total)

3. Number of inpatient falls within the MWL Trust leading to severe harm June 2024 - June 2025.

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4. Number if inpatient falls within MWL Trust that have led to death June 2024 - June 2025.

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5. Number if inpatient falls within the MWL Trust (and Trusts prior merger) that have led to death overall in the last 5 years.

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6. Number of patients attending the MWL Trust via the emergency department with their presenting complaint as a 'fall'. This can include fall, unwitnessed fall, mechanical fall, collapse?cause etc June 2024 - June 2025.

Number of patients with a presenting complaint of Collapse, Fall or both recorded between June 2024 and June 2025

	Collapse	Fall	Both	Total
SO	745	5642	34	6421
STHK	1769	11618	153	13540
MWL	2514	17260	187	19961

7. Of those inpatient falls within MWL, how many of those patients have had an increased length of stay in hospital? June 2024 - June 2025.

Section 12: cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

Following a thorough assessment, we regret to inform you that Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is unable to comply with your request, as doing so would exceed the cost limit set out under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 12 states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of doing so would exceed the appropriate limit, which is currently set at £450 for NHS organisations.

This equates to 18 hours of staff time, calculated at a standard rate of £25 per hour, as defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In this case, fulfilling your request would require checking individual patients records and the Trust has estimated this time to be in excess of 505 hours. This involves locating, retrieving, and extracting the relevant information. This exceeds the 18-hour threshold, even with reasonable efforts to narrow the scope.

We are therefore applying Section 12 of the Act and will not be proceeding with the request in its current form.

However, we would be happy to assist you in refining your request to bring it within the cost limit. For example, narrowing the timeframe, specifying particular departments, or focusing on a specific aspect of the information may help reduce the burden of compliance.

Please let us know if you would like support in revising your request.