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I am responding to your request for information received 30 November 2022, which you clarified on 6 December 2022. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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Information Governance Manager

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Request:

I am completing a study on the management of the fallen patient within NHS Trusts across the country and I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information as part of a Freedom of Information request.

Clarification: Please can you provide data for all reported falls regardless of their reason for being in the trust.

Question 1: Within your trust who is responsible for ensuring that the trust 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)

Answer: Gavin Shields is the Trust wide falls lead.

Question 2: Within your trust, 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.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of reported falls
2019	720
2020	702
2021	677
2022	672

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

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of reported "non-injury" falls
2019	449
2020	449
2021	431
2022	412

Question 4: At any site within your trust, do you have a falls response team/bleep where a designated person(s) respond to a reported fall.

Answer: On each of Trust site, there are alarms systems in place which alerts the wider team to an emergency. This can be sounded by the service user or staff. Team assistance will then attend and offer any support required.

Question 5: Does your trust have any of the following equipment within the trust 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



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- **Any other equipment used for the retrieval of the fallen patient**

Answer: The Trust does not have any of the equipment listed.



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