

FOI 0344/2022 Response

- 1. Does the Trust have a Falls Group that meet to discuss fall reduction strategies for inpatients? If yes, how often do they meet?**

N/A – As the Falls Group has been disbanded since 2020 (previously met quarterly).

However, falls discussions are incorporated into Physical Health Committee and Clinical Governance Committee.

- 2. Can you please identify the Lead Nurse in overall charge of the Falls Group (the staff member or members in the public domain representing the Falls Group and Trust)**

N/A –Please refer to the response in question 1.

Please note that any serious incidents relating to falls are reported both to Physical Health Committee and Clinical Governance Committee.

- 3. Please can you provide contact details for the Staff Member in the public domain identified in question 2?**

N/A –Please refer to the response in question 1.

- 4. Does the Trust currently use any Falls Management Equipment? Such as, sensor pads (chair, bed or floor) with alarm monitors, inferred sensors .**

The Trust has the following equipment for falls and injury prevention:

- Walking aids sourced from Mediquip
- Bed and chair sensors (more injury prevent) sourced from Rondish
- Hip protectors sourced from NHS online procurement catalogue
- Knee pads/ elbow pads sourced from B&Q / JD sports / sport direct
- Soft helmets (I) sourced from Head Saver
- Slipper socks sourced from NHS online procurement catalogue

Please note that the listed equipment is provided on an individual assessment.

- 5. Is there a contract in place from a company that has supplied the Trust with falls equipment? If yes, what company and when does this come to an end or is up for renewal?**

No

- 6. Can you out line the procurement procedure for a company providing a free demonstration of Falls Equipment?**

The Trust would identify what we wanted to use, or trial from evidence base including research and expert practice. We will then request a demonstration from a company if they make a product that we think could meet our needs. We might consider more than one demonstration/quote for higher spend items.