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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013364 – Falls prevention/rheumatology

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1. How many falls prevention teams does your trust operate - 1 in the acute hospital and 1 as part of the Dudley rehabilitation service
2. How many of these falls prevention teams include a podiatrist? Please state the number of podiatrists employed within each falls prevention team - Hospital and DRS none but both have access to refer patients to podiatry.
3. How many of these falls prevention teams are led by a podiatrist - None
4. If the trust does not operate any falls prevention teams, please provide a reason for this. - N/A
5. How many patients have been diagnosed with rheumatological conditions in your Trust in: (a) 2012/13, (b) 2013/14, (c) 2014/15, (d) 2015/16

Our data does not collect when a diagnosis is made, so as a proxy we have used the number of admissions where the primary diagnosis on the last episode in the spell was a Rheumatological ICD-10 code (M00 through M25). We have then produced a count of the number of spells (number of admissions) and the unique count of patients (some patients might be admitted more than once).

Financial Year	Spells	Patients
2012/13	5175	4027
2013/14	5652	4268
2014/15	5743	4290
2015/16	5768	4246

6. How many of those patients were referred to podiatry services following their rheumatological diagnoses in (i) 2012/13, (ii) 2013/14, (iii) 2014/15, (iv) 2015/16
Information not held