

Freedom of Information request 014704

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The Trust's incident reporting system started in 2011 but had to be replaced and started from scratch in February 2016. – the data captured in the old system will not compare directly to the information collected in the current system. By way of an example, the older system captured the severity with slightly different names than the newer and there were different incident type/sub category coding too.

1. The number of patient falls which have occurred in NHS hospitals within The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust for the years: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Older system – 2011 to Jan 2016

	1 - Near Miss	1 - No Harm	2 - Minor	3 - Moderate	4 - Major	Total
2011	0	992	405	46	0	1443
2012	1	885	577	29	0	1492
2013	33	638	463	29	0	1163
2014	27	611	409	14	0	1061
2015	64	617	476	12	4	1173
2016	3	70	37	1	2	113
Total	128	3813	2367	131	6	6445

Newer system – Feb 2016 to Dec 2018

	Near Miss	None (no harm caused)	Low (minimal harm caused)	Moderate (short term harm caused)	Severe (permanent or long term harm caused)	Total
2016	25	956	225	4	2	1212
2017	4	974	216	6	1	1201
2018	10	854	155	4	0	1023
Total	39	2784	596	14	3	3436

2. A breakdown of the number of these falls per hospital, by the years above.

The falls were only captured for the Dudley Group, ie Russells Hall

2a. A breakdown of the severity of these falls (e.g. low, medium, high)

As per the charts above

3. The number of patients who were never discharged after their fall - i.e. died before discharge.

We can't provide a complete figure here as this would involve trawling through over 9000 records. The severity does not reflect whether the patient died.

3a. Could you break this down both by the years above, and by the hospital where they had the fall.

As above