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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. This request forms part of a broader review into patient safety, falls response, and manual handling practices across NHS Trusts.

Patient Falls –

1. How many patient falls were recorded across your Trust between January 2023 and January 2024? - **1361**
2. How many patient falls were recorded between January 2025 and April 2025? - **385**
3. Of the falls recorded between January 2023 and January 2024, how many resulted in an additional injury or condition as a result of the fall? - **15**
4. Of the falls recorded between January 2025 and April 2025, how many resulted in an additional injury or condition as a result of the fall? - **7**
5. Does the Trust have an official falls protocol or guideline? - **Yes**
6. Does the Trust have a dedicated falls team? - **Yes**
 - If yes, how many staff members are part of this team? – **0.8 wte in acute**
7. Please provide the name and job title of the person responsible for leading or overseeing the falls prevention strategy within the Trust. – **S.Gheleh - Falls prevention lead practitioner for inpatients**

Manual Handling

8. Does the Trust have a dedicated manual handling team? - **Yes**
 - If yes, how many staff members are part of this team? - **3**
9. Please provide the **name and job title** of the person responsible for managing or coordinating the manual handling team within the Trust.

Paul Featherby-Davis - Professional development lead: Core skills (Moving and handling & core risk medical devices)

.Flat Lifting Equipment

10. Do you use any of the following flat lifting devices to assist patients from the floor after a fall?
Please indicate which apply:
 - HoverJack (Etac) - **Yes**
 - Flojac (GBUK) - **No**
 - Rhino (Winncare) - **No**
 - Other (please specify) – **N/A**
 - None – **N/A**
11. How many flat lifting devices are currently in use across the Trust? - **4**

- If possible, please provide a breakdown by make or model. - **Hoverjack**
12. Does the Trust provide regular training to staff on the use of flat lifting equipment? - **Yes**
13. Please provide the **name and job title** of the person responsible for overseeing training and operational use of flat lifting equipment across the Trust.

Jenny Glynn: Head of education (Nursing, midwifery and AHP) and

Paul Featherby-Davis- Professional development lead: Core skills (Moving and handling & core risk medical devices)

Operational Information - How many inpatient beds does the Trust currently operate across all sites?

14. - **633 (this is the count of core general and acute, adult and paediatric beds across the sites)**

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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