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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013329 – patient falls

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you provide me with the following information, in relation to Russells Hall Hospital:

1. The number of patient falls that occurred in hospital in November 2016 - 109 including wards, ED, assessment units and Evergreen
2. The number of these falls that had a pre-falls multifactorial risk assessment - Information held in patient notes which are not accessible under the Freedom of Information Act
3. The factors that are assessed in a pre-falls multifactorial risk assessment
 - History of falls or broken bones
 - Is admission due to a fall
 - Is patient unsteady on feet/have mobility problems/use walking aid
 - Over 65 years or over 50 and judged by clinician to be at higher risk of falling due to underlying medical conditions
 - Does patient have a fear of falling
 - Footwear assessment
 - Sensory deficits assessment (sight, hearing)
 - Call bell in reach and can patient use it
 - Urine dipstick to screen for urinary tract infection
 - On clinical judgement, does patient have additional risk factors that increase risk of falls (drip stand, medication, delirium, reduced mental capacity)
 - Medical staff assess blood pressure and delirium
 - Continence assessed as part of Waterlow and activity of daily living
 - Bed rail assessment
4. Please could you categorise the number of falls by outcome in terms of harm severity - 1 near miss, 88 no harm, 19 low harm, 1 moderate
5. Please could you categorise the number of falls by ethnic group - As per question 2
6. Please could you categorise the number of falls by age? - The category 'age' is not held within our incident reporting system
7. Please could you categorise the number of falls by time of day? - 40 during early shift, 39 during late shift, 30 during night shift