

**FOI 0408/2023 Response**

**1. What are the current In-Patient Fall Prevention Solutions Used?**

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

- Walking aids
- Bed and chair sensors
- Hip protectors
- Knee pads/ elbow pads
- Soft helmets
- Slipper socks
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Please note that the listed items are provided on an individual assessment.

**2. What are the current In-Patient Fall Detection Solutions Used?**

Observation levels

**3. What Bed Exit Solutions are currently in use for In-Patient Care**

- Floor mats
- It is anticipated that the Trust will be trialling new beds

**4. If any fall prevention / detection solutions are used, how do they alert to a fall / potential fall?**

Call bell system

**5. How many falls (Per year) were recorded in the last 5 year?**

| Year | Count of Falls Incidents |
|------|--------------------------|
| 2019 | 451                      |
| 2020 | 437                      |
| 2021 | 380                      |
| 2022 | 402                      |
| 2023 | 420                      |

\*\*\*Note: The above table contains the total number of in-patient falls at a BSMHFT site between 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2023.

**6. How many, if any resulted in patient deaths?**

NIL (0) fall related incidents were recorded as a death. However, in 2021 a patient died within 1 day following a fall.

**7. How many have resulted in litigation?**

There has been 1 incident of fall that resulted in litigation for 2022/2023.

**8. Are you currently following a fall prevention strategy?**

We have a fall prevention policy that was updated in 2023. This follows national guidance.

**9. Which team is responsible for In-Patient fall prevention?**

The Team responsible for In-Patient fall prevention would be the Nursing -Physical Health Team.