

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 01 February 2023.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1) Within your trust who is responsible for ensuring that the trust have the appropriate equipment for the management of falls? This should not be confused with a procurement team purchasing the equipment more who makes the clinical decision. (Often this will sit with a Manual Handling Advisor or Falls lead)

MKUH has one member of staff for advising on how to manage the falling person and some elements of how to get them up from the floor, including writing the "Safer Handling of the Falling and Fallen person" Policy. Management of falls, of course, sits with the Vulnerable Adult / Safeguarding / Falls Nurse

2) Within your trust, if known, please could you confirm the number of falls reported in total for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to current date of recorded data.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
None	593	552	449	511	99
Minor	438	449	464	563	89
Moderate	20	26	25	36	6
Major	0	0	0	4	0
Catastrophic	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	1051	1027	938	1114	194

3) Of those falls, if known, please can you confirm the number of falls that were deemed as non-injury.

Please see above

4) At any site within your trust, do you have a falls response team/bleep where a designated person(s) responds to a reported fall.

MKUH does not provide this service.

5) Does your trust have any of the following equipment within the trust and if so how many

Flat Lifting Kit – Mangar Rhino, Hovertech Hoverjac, GBUK Banana Flojac

Hovertech Hoverjac x2

Mechanical Lifting Aid – Liftup Raizer Chair

Air Assisted Lifting Aid – Mangar Elk, Camel or Eagle

Mangar Elk x 4.

Any other equipment used for the retrieval of the fallen patient.

3 scoop stretchers. 2 in ED and the 3rd with support services

Lifting sheets in all clinical areas.

We also have disposable Banana Flo's in Theatres, but these are primarily for lateral transfers but can be used for transfers onto Hoverjacs if required.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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