

Freedom of Information Request: 0870

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHB) completed a merger by acquisition of Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust (HEFT) on 1st April 2018. Due to historical differences in data collection/reporting across UHB and the former Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust this response has been provided by hospital site.

i. Total Number of patient falls in Good Hope hospital during 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19

2016/17 – 1190
2017/18 – 1375
2018/19 (Apr – Feb 19) – 1354

ii. Number of patient falls in other hospitals in your Trust during 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19

	Heartlands	Good Hope	Solihull	Queen Elizabeth
2016/17	1633	1190	442	2879
2017/18	1589	1375	402	2908
2018/19 (Apr – Feb 19)	1403	1354	308	2623

iii. Number of falls in Good hope Ward 3 during 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19

Ward 3 was not fully open for the whole time during 2016-2018 and was instead used as a temporary ward at times of increased capacity.

2016/17 – 30 [Ward open between November 2016 and March 2017]
2017/18 – 44 [Ward open April 2017, closed during August to October, open November 2017 to March 2018]
2018/19 (Apr – Feb-19) – 72 [Ward 3 was fully open during this period]

iv. Number of patients experiencing the following number of falls during a single inpatient episode in 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19:

a. 1 fall

2016-17: 2,300
2017-18: 2,302
2018-19 Apr – Feb-19: 4,038

b. 2 falls

2016-17: 301
2017-18: 334
2018-19 Apr – Feb-19: 515

c. 3 or more falls

2016-17: 106

2017-18: 112

2018-19 Apr – Feb-19: 168

We have assumed that the information for 2016/17 and 2017/18 is required for the previous organisation, i.e. HEFT and that for 2018/19 for the combined organisation (UHB).

- v. For the response to point iv. b. and iv. c. please denote the quantity of patients that experienced multiple falls during the same episode of care (i.e. single stay at Good Hope Hospital), irrespective of which ward they received their care on. i.e. my father received care on multiple wards during one episode of care at Good Hope Hospital and had multiple falls**

The data has been calculated for parts b. and c. as patients having 2 and 3 or more falls during single inpatient episodes.

Total no. of patients falling 2 or more times;

2016-17 : 407

2017-18: 446

2018-19 Apr – Feb-19: 683

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- vi. Quantity of falls by the root cause for each year; 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19**

We do not report a single root cause however these are the sub categories of falls by each year:

Sub Category	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Unobserved fall	968	1032	1529
Fall whilst mobilising	785	796	1018
Fall from bed (including hi / lo bed)	511	477	772
Fall from chair / wheelchair	299	322	465
Bathroom / toilet associated fall	255	308	790
Fall whilst transferring	133	135	133
Fall from bed with bedrails	133	107	124
Patient lowered to ground by staff to avoid injury	96	132	170
Fall from commode	69	42	72
Fall from bed onto crash mattress	16	15	10
Fall from standing	0	0	437
Dizziness	0	0	80
Due to fit / faint	0	0	84
Wet floor	0	0	37

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