

July 2011

*1) Patient falls total for February 2010 - 2011:*

A total of 1,663 patients' falls were recorded on our Datix incident reporting system between the periods February 2010 to 2011.

*2) Elderly patient falls total for February 2010 – 2011 (65 and over):*

Patient age is not routinely recorded on our Datix incident reporting system and therefore this information is not readily available but would require extraction with reference to individual patient records. It is estimated that this process would take well in excess of 18 hours and therefore the associated costs would exceed the upper fee limit of £450 set for NHS Trusts having regard the Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007.

Where the associated cost of locating, retrieving, and extracting the requested information is estimated as being likely to exceed the upper fee limit of £450 (which represents the cost of one person spending 2½ working days at a rate of £25 per hour) then having regard to section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to respond to your question. We are sorry to have to take this approach but trust you will appreciate the reasons for this fee limit having been imposed by statute.

*3) Total number of admissions related to falls in the community:*

For the period February 2010 to March 2011 the total number of admissions where the reason was stated to be related to a fall were 2,871.

*4) Total number of hospital beds.*

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, we had a total of 711 acute beds.

*5) Anticipated or recognised average turn around period for hip replacements (If any):*

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011, the average length of stay for a hip replacement patients was 9.55 days which includes both elective and non elective (emergency). The average length of stay for elective only hip replacement patients was 7.80 days.

*6) Total numbers of claims associated to patient falls over the last 5 Years*

Please see the table below under question 7.

7) Total cost of compensation payouts relating to falls only over the last five years.

**Total numbers of claims and compensation payouts associated to falls over the last 5 years**

Financial Year	CNST Claims On Datix	CNST Claims Where File Closed On Datix	Damages (Not Including Costs)	Total Payout (Damages & Costs)
2010/2011	5	<5	£0	£0
2009/2010	<5	<5	£0	£0
2008/2009	<5	<5	£25,000	£47,317
2007/2008	<5	<5	£52,500	£91,164
2006/2007	<5	<5	£13,750	£35,011

**NOTE:** we are only able to provide the data on the cases that have been closed.

Financial Year	Public Liability Claims received	Public Liability claims where file closed	Public Liability claims settled and payment made:	Public Liability claims settled and payment made:
			Damages (Not Including Costs)	Total Payout: (Damages & Costs)
2010/2011	5	<5	£0.00	£0.00
2009/2010	<5	<5	£3,500	£10,075
2008/2009	<5	<5	£4,937	£10,566
2007/2008	<5	<5	£6,500	£15,546
2006/2007	<5	<5	£11,703	£31,188

Financial Year	Employer's Liability Claims received	Employer's Liability claims where file closed	Employer's Liability claims settled and payment made:	Employer's Liability claims settled and payment made:
			Damages (Not Including Costs)	Total Payout: (Damages & Costs)
2010/2011	<5	<5	£0.00	£0.00
2009/2010	<5	<5	£24,300	£44,441
2008/2009	6	5	£28,010	£76,530
2007/2008	<5	<5	£8,000	£16,471
2006/2007	<5	<5	£30,500	£49,722

We have not provided information relating to sub-excess LTPS claims.

The NHS Litigation Authority (NHSLA) handles most legal claims on behalf of all NHS bodies in England. It operates a risk-pooling scheme for NHS organisations which provides indemnity cover for claims occurring after 1 April 1995.

Information concerning the damages and the costs paid out by the NHSLA on behalf of this Trust is available within the NHSLA fact sheet situated on the Authority's website: [NHS Litigation Authority](#).

*8. As a Trust do you also have responsibility any community care? If so please also provide the following over the same period as above:*

- a) Total number of falls which occurred while in community hospital care:*
- b) Total number of falls which occurred while in home care:*

The Trust does not provide community care