

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – FALLS PREVENTION

I write in response to your request for information in relation to falls prevention in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Please provide a copy of the policy/guidance relating to the prevention and management of falls policy available to employees working within the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh on the 21/02/2023;
2. A copy of the policy/guidance relating to the management of confused/delirious patients, available to staff working within the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh on the 21/02/2023; and

Answer:

The Falls Prevention Management of Adult Inpatients Policy is available on NHS Lothian's Policy Online website at the following web link: https://policyonline.nhslothian.scot/policy_page/falls-policy/. This also includes the ABCDE Assessment for deteriorating patients.

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible

- (1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

Question:

3. A copy of the available falls mat alarms available to Ward 208 within the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh on the 21/02/2023, including those alarms sent for repair.

Answer:

Falls alarm number - 3
Fall mat number - 3
Chair Pad number - 1

I hope the information provided helps with your request.



If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the reviewer at the address at the top of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhsllothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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