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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PATIENT FALLS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to patient falls.

Question:

1. The total number of incidents where a patient fall is reported, broken down by hospital. For each calendar year from 2019 to 2025 (most recent):

Answer:

The table below details the total number of adverse events (incidents) reported under the Category Patient – Falls in hospitals across NHS Lothian. The data is broken down by Site and calendar year (01/01/2019 to 13/05/2025 – date of FOI). Please note some of the Sites are listed below as inpatient units rather than hospitals.

Patient - Falls	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Edington Cottage Hospital	24	33	11	0	0	≤5	0
Astley Ainslie Hospital	161	178	201	212	142	140	39
Belhaven Hospital	74	43	28	39	20	≤5	0
CAMHS	≤5	≤5	≤5	6	≤5	≤5	≤5
Camus Tigh	51	86	54	14	12	≤5	≤5
Craigshill Care Facility	237	239	183	144	222	102	19
East Lothian Community Hospital	321	391	601	528	474	482	161
Ellen's Glen House	198	260	204	258	268	163	100
Ferryfield House	147	240	242	153	248	299	48
Findlay House	227	269	274	177	203	181	74
Herdmanflat Hospital	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inchkeith House	7	≤5	≤5	0	0	≤5	0
Lauriston Building	≤5	8	≤5	8	≤5	≤5	≤5
Leith Community Treatment Centre	7	0	≤5	0	≤5	≤5	≤5
Liberton	127	117	162	114	128	136	59
Midlothian Community Hospital	263	335	320	499	315	234	94

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Orchard Clinic	20	16	19	9	9	11	≤5
Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion	11	10	6	9	11	≤5	0
Royal Edinburgh Hospital	301	362	378	381	493	437	172
Royal Hospital for Children and Young People (RHCYP) and Department for Clinical Neurosciences (DCN)	0	71	221	228	201	217	68
Royal Hospital for Sick Children	20	10	6	0	0	0	0
Royal Infirmary Little France	2193	2196	2154	2440	2103	1997	744
Royal Victoria Hospital	≤5	0	0	0	0	0	0
St John's Hospital	993	898	901	933	913	1048	391
St Michael's Hospital	37	21	18	0	0	0	0
Tippethill House	171	101	89	80	97	104	55
Western General Hospital	2113	1851	1898	2124	1660	1631	511

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

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 FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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