

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – FALLS AND PRESURE ULCERS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to falls and pressure ulcers.

Question:

1. Would you please be able to tell me how many patient falls were recorded in the previous 12 months at across WGH, REH, RIE. If possible, I would like to know how these falls are classified and whether/how many patients fell from their bedside chair

Answer:

Total falls were = 2419

The table below details the total number of adverse events reported under the **Category Patient – Falls** in the previous 12 months (08/04/2025:07/04/2026 - Date of FOI) in the WGH, REH and RIE. The data is broken down by Sub Category and Site.

Category: Falls - Patient
Fall, slip or trip from standing
Fall from bed/trolley
Fall from chair
Fall from toilet/commode
Controlled or supported fall/near miss
Fall, slip or trip on stairs
Fall from height
Found on floor/suspected fall
Other - Please only use if no alternative

We do not have a category for “Bedside chair”. We do have a category for “Fall From Chair”
 Total = 440



Question:

2. I would also like to request a breakdown of the Trust’s hospital acquired pressure injuries by grade, and if possible, a report of how many pressure injuries were present on admission by which grade, also over the preceding 12 months, also for **West General Hospital**

Answer:

We have provided data reported under the Category **Pressure Ulcers** on our adverse event reporting system.

There were **215** adverse events reported, with **265** pressure ulcers for the period 08/04/2025 to 07/04/2026 (Date of request), reported by Site **Western General Hospital**.

The table below is broken down by “Grade of Ulcer” reported

Please note - within the adverse event reporting and learning system a patient can have:

- one or more pressure ulcers per reported adverse event
- the same patient / pressure ulcer may also be reported as an adverse event more than once, at different stages of the patient journey

Adverse Event Category: Pressure Ulcers								
Site: Western General Hospital								
Period 08/04/2025 to 07/04/2026								
“Grade of Ulcer Reported”	“Pressure Ulcer Developed in:”							Total
	Nursing Home/Care Home	This hospital	This ward	Another hospital in NHS Lothian	Own home	Own home outside Lothian	Another hospital outwith NHS Lothian	
Grade 1	0	18	7	≤5	≤5	0	0	32
Grade 2	0	31	47	8	39	≤5	≤5	128
Grade 3	≤5	8	8	6	19	0	≤5	43
Grade 4	0	0	≤5	≤5	≤5	0	0	9
Ungradable	0	9	10	≤5	15	≤5	0	40
Suspected Deep Tissue Injury	0	≤5	0	≤5	≤5	0	0	10
Mucosal PU (inside lips, nose, genitals etc)	0	≤5	≤5	≤5	0	0	0	≤5
Total	≤5	70	76	25	88	≤5	≤5	265

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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