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Dear

### **Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 12/05/2021.

- 1. The number of reported work-related manual handling injuries sustained by staff at the trust in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021**  
2019/2020 – 122 Reported Manual Handling Incidents.  
2020/2021 – 101 Reported Manual Handling Incidents.
- 2. The number of reported patient falls in the emergency department(s) in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021**  
2019/2020 – 95 Reported Patient Incidents.  
2020/2021 – 90 Reported Patient Incidents.
- 3. The number of reported patient falls from/involving a patient trolley or bed in the emergency department(s) in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021**  
2019-2020 – 66 Patients  
2020-2021 – 59 Patients

Please note: The Trust does not specifically collate this information, so the figures provided above may not be a true reflection. We have provided the number of patients where the words 'trolley' or 'bed' has been included in the incident description.

To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

**4. Will Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust be considering the replacement of any of the Trust's patient trolleys in the current financial year (2021-2022), and if yes, for which departments please? To clarify, I am referring to ED/resus/trauma trolleys, patient transfer trolleys, and short stay ward trolleys/beds.**

The Trust has a project in place to replace all the older ward beds. Trust departments are responsible for replacing and purchasing new trolleys if they require them.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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