

**Reference Number:** FOI2021/462  
**From:** Commercial  
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**Subject:** Falls information from last 5 years

Q1 I am looking for the total number of falls sorted by hospital from the last 5 years

A1 2017 - 138  
2018 - 96  
2019 - 100  
2020 - 108  
2021 - 120

Q2 I am looking for the total number of falls sorted by ward from the last 3 years

A2 Information not held – Breakdown by ward not available

Q3 Is there any Falls Prevention Equipment currently in use? If yes, who was the supplier?

A3 Ramblegard

Q4 I would also like to request NHS email addresses falls leads/groups within the trust, or the person responsible for reducing the number of falls within the trust

A4 Christina Kenny – Governance Matron, [Christina.kenny@lhch.nhs.uk](mailto:Christina.kenny@lhch.nhs.uk)

Q5 From the last 5 years on average how much does the trust pay out in compensation claims in relation to falls?

A5 The Trust pays an annual premium which would cover such costs, so no claims have been paid directly. However, based on NHSR data for claims settled since January 2017 with a Slips/Falls theme, the average amount of damages paid by NHSR on behalf of the trust is £7,212.52 per annum since 2017.

Q6 Can you also provide the number of patients that absconded from the wards and which wards were affected for the last 3 years? (absconded – a inpatient that has left a ward without informing a staff member, making them a missing person)

A6	<b>2019</b>	<b>Ward/Total</b>
	Cedar Ward	2
	<b>2020</b>	<b>Ward/Total</b>
	Cedar Ward	1
	Elm Ward	1
	<b>2021</b>	<b>Ward/Total</b>
	Acute Cardiac Unit	4

Cedar Ward	1
KCRS/CVD	1
POCCU 3	1
Holly Suite	1
Maple Suite	1

Q7 In the last 5 years on average how much the trust pay out in compensation claims in relation to absconds from a ward cost the trust?

A7 Zero