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Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

**You asked:**

**Could you please provide me with the following information:**

**1. The number of patient falls which have occurred in NHS hospitals within Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust for the years: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.**

	FALLS
2009	650
2010	596
2011	566
2012	601
2013	629
2014	784
2015	826
2016	808
2017	679
2018	139
Totals:	6278

In addition, could you also provide:

2. A breakdown of the number of these falls per hospital, by the years above.

Incidents by Incident date and Site  
(Year)

	LEI	RAEI	WRI	Total
<b>2009</b>	89	509	52	650
<b>2010</b>	66	487	43	596
<b>2011</b>	40	474	52	566
<b>2012</b>	29	541	31	601
<b>2013</b>	34	541	54	629
<b>2014</b>	40	679	65	784
<b>2015</b>	59	710	57	826
<b>2016</b>	31	720	57	808
<b>2017</b>	30	586	63	679
<b>2018</b>	5	117	17	139
<b>Totals:</b>	423	5364	491	6278

a. A breakdown of the severity of these falls (e.g. low, medium, high)

Incidents by Incident date and Severity (Year) grouped by  
Site

	NONE	LOW	MOD	SEV	CATAST	Total
<b>Leigh Infirmary</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>423</b>
2009	65	23	1	0	0	89
2010	44	22	0	0	0	66
2011	24	15	1	0	0	40
2012	16	13	0	0	0	29
2013	24	10	0	0	0	34
2014	32	7	1	0	0	40
2015	42	17	0	0	0	59
2016	26	5	0	0	0	31
2017	24	6	0	0	0	30
2018	5	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Royal Albert Edward Infirmary</b>	<b>3773</b>	<b>1476</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5362</b>
2009	322	170	14	3	0	509
2010	304	165	14	1	1	485
2011	296	168	6	4	0	474
2012	387	140	11	3	0	541
2013	371	159	7	4	0	541
2014	497	172	6	4	0	679

2015	540	161	6	3	0	710
2016	532	177	7	4	0	720
2017	437	136	10	1	2	586
2018	87	28	0	2	0	117
<b>Wrightington Hospital</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>491</b>
2009	34	17	1	0	0	52
2010	27	15	1	0	0	43
2011	34	17	1	0	0	52
2012	25	4	1	1	0	31
2013	39	14	1	0	0	54
2014	57	8	0	0	0	65
2015	42	15	0	0	0	57
2016	36	19	2	0	0	57
2017	47	14	2	0	0	63
2018	12	4	1	0	0	17
Totals:	4428	1721	94	30	3	6276

### 3. The number of patients who were never discharged after their fall - i.e. died before discharge.

#### a. Could you break this down both by the years above, and by the hospital where they had the fall.

We have had 3 deaths caused by falls between 2009 and 2018. All 3 were at the RAEI site. These deaths were in 2010, 2017 and 2018.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster  
Chief Executive

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