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Response Due: 2nd September 2025

Date: 1st September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 4th August 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I am requesting information regarding pressure ulcer prevention held by the trust:

1. A copy of the current guidelines and protocols for pressure ulcer prevention (please include policy dates and version numbers)

Please see the attached.

Please note that the attached policy is currently under review, however the information is unlikely to drastically change.

2. Hospital-acquired pressure ulcer statistics from 2015-2024, including the following where available:

a. Annual numbers by severity grade (Category/Stage 1-4)

Please see the attached.

b. Anonymized aggregate data by ward type/specialty

Please see the attached.

c. Any trend analysis or benchmarking data

None.

- 3. Legal costs and compensation payments related to pressure ulcer incidents from 2015-2024:**
- a. Total annual legal fees paid to external solicitors**
 - b. Settlement/compensation amounts (aggregated figures)**
 - c. Number of claims by year**

As pressure ulcer management may be implicated in a claim but is not the sole issue/reason for the settlement, the Trust is unable to provide this information as it is not centrally recorded. Each case would need to be manually reviewed in order to establish those for pressure ulcer incidents.

Please redirect your question to NHS Resolutions by completing the online form at <https://resolution.nhs.uk/information-requests/freedom-of-information/>

4. Effectiveness metrics including:

a. Audit results for pressure ulcer prevention initiatives

The Trust has a monthly Point Prevalence Trust Wide Audit of Skin integrity and compliance with pressure ulcer prevention strategies, completed by ward teams. This has been in place as a monthly audit since June 2025 – results since then are 87.4% and 82%.

b. Staff training completion rates for pressure ulcer prevention

As of 11th August 2025, Trust wide compliance for Pressure Ulcer Tier 1 is 90.4%.

c. Equipment expenditure (pressure-relieving mattresses, cushions)

Total between 2015 and 2024 = £722,111.57.

2015 = £3,495.20.
2016 = £24,509.30.
2017 = £73,572.56.
2018 = £42,751.41.
2019 = £64,517.54.
2020 = £190,518.43.
2021 = £92,467.05.
2022 = £86,248.26.
2023 = £123,201.94.
2024 = £20,829.88.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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