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Subject:	Patient falls
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Requested:

- 1) Within your trust who is responsible for ensuring that the trust have the appropriate equipment for the management of falls? This should not be confused with a procurement team purchasing the equipment more who makes the clinical decision. (Often this will sit with a Manual Handling Advisor or Falls lead)
- 2) Within your trust, if known, please could you confirm the number of falls reported in total for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to current date of recorded data.
- 3) Of those falls, if known, please can you confirm the number of falls that were deemed as non-injury.
- 4) At any site within your trust, do you have a falls response team/bleep where a designated person(s) respond to a reported fall.
- 5) Does your trust have any of the following equipment within the trust and if so how many
 - a) **Flat Lifting Kit** – Mangar Rhino, Hovertech Hoverjac, GBUK Banana Flojac
 - b) **Mechanical Lifting Aid** – Liftup Raizer Chair
 - c) **Air Assisted Lifting Aid** – Mangar Elk, Camel or Eagle
 - d) **Any other equipment used for the retrieval of the fallen patient**

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has a 'Falls Group' consisting of a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) of clinical staff including Senior Nurses, Managers, Nurses, Medical Staff, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and Health and Safety colleagues, who are responsible for the review of and procurement of falls equipment.
2. & 3. The table below provides the number of falls recorded by the UHB during the requested timeframe, and the number of these which were identified as no harm following investigation. The 2022 data is provided as at 6 December 2022.

Calendar year	Patient/Service user falls		Non Patient/Service user falls	
	Incidents	No harm	Incidents	No harm
2019	1982	1310	111	38
2020	2576	1710	131	41
2021	2357	1047	101	24
2022	2499	861	96	14

4. The UHB does not have a dedicated falls response team.
5. The UHB has twenty five (25) Air Assisted Lifting Aids and twenty eight (28) Flat Lifting Kits.