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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 200820.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

- **How many people over 60 were admitted to hospital as a result of a trip and/or fall in 2019, 2018 and 2015?**

2015	22042
2018	12869
2019	14007

- **How many people over 60 were admitted to hospital as a result of a trip or fall from January 2020 to June 2020?**

7404

- **In 2019, which month saw more hospital admissions due to a trip or fall in over 60s?**

December 2019

For above questions please note the following:

- Please note values provided are based on See & Convey Incidents to a healthcare facility. This may not always be a hospital.
- Please note for the years 2018- 2020, the following conditions were used to identify 'trip' and 'fall': 'fall head', 'fall stairs', 'fall injuries unknown', 'fall non-injury'. Therefore, not all trip and fall incidents may be identified if not classified into one of the above conditions.

- Please note that due to a different metrics/informatics system being used for the year 2015 the patient's age is not recorded but categorised as:
1 = Adult
Therefore, we cannot provide for patients over 60 only. However, we have provided 2015 data for trips/fall with the adult flag.
- Patient age has been identified using their DOB where present, where DOB has not been recorded the incident will not be included in the results. (This excludes the year 2015 for reasons mentioned above).
- Please note that for the year 2015, the words "Trip" and "fall" were identified in free text fields. Please treat all values with caution.
- Question 3 was answered based on the number of ambulance conveyances to a healthcare facility. This may not provide a complete picture of 'Hospital admissions'.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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