



Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-578

1 October 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

1. What type of equipment do you generally use to recover a patient from the floor after a fall (when there is no suspicion of fracture or spinal injury)?

Depending on patient's location, a mobile or ceiling hoist, or the Hoverjack is used. If the patient has had a comprehensive assessment and has no serious injury, the Trust would also encourage them to get up by themselves without use of equipment.

2. When was this equipment introduced in your policy on inpatient falls?

Hoists have been used since the introduction of the Manual Handling Operations Regulations in 1992. The equipment was introduced in UHBristol's policy of inpatient falls in 1995.

The Hoverjack was purchased in 2012 and has been in use since 2013.

3. What type of equipment did you use for this purpose before the current equipment?

Before the Manual Handling Operations Regulations, manual lifts were taught to healthcare students to move people or people were lifted by using a canvas and poles.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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