



Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request
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A fall is defined as an unintentional or unexpected loss of balance resulting in coming to rest on the floor, the ground or an object below knee level. A fall is distinguished from a collapse that occurs as a result of an acute medical problem such as an acute arrhythmia, a syncopal attack. Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) aims to take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety and independence of its patients, and respects the rights of patients to make their own decisions about their care. Adult patients in hospital may be at risk of falling for many reasons including a history of falls, medically unwell, dementia or delirium, the effects of their treatment or medication, poor mobility, visual and other sensory impairments along with their general wellbeing.

Swansea Bay Health Board ensure appropriate care and management is provided for individuals at risk of falling.

You asked:

1) Within your Health Board who is responsible for ensuring that the Health Board 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)

The Quality Improvement Lead for falls.

2) Within your Health Board, 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.

Please note that we have provided figures on patient falls only.

Year	Total Falls
2019	3065
2020	2648
2021	2435
2022 Jan-Nov	2111



3) Of those falls, if known, please can you confirm the number of falls that were deemed as non-injury.

Please note that we have provided figures for patient falls rated at the severity level "No Harm" or the severity level field was left blank in the incident report.

Year	Total recorded as "No Harm"
2019	2053
2020	1984
2021	1888
2022 Jan-Nov	1063

4) At any site within your Health Board, do you have a falls response team/bleep where a designated person(s) respond to a reported fall.

No. All Clinical Staff must complete mandatory manual handling training.

5) Does your Health Board have any of the following equipment within the Health Board and if so how many

- **Flat Lifting Kit – Mangar Rhino, Hovertech Hoverjac, GBUK Banana Flojac**

Not applicable

- **Mechanical Lifting Aid – Liftup Raizer Chair**

Not applicable

- **Air Assisted Lifting Aid – Mangar Elk, Camel or Eagle**

Not applicable

- **Any other equipment used for the retrieval of the fallen patient**

The Health Board owns three Scoop Stretchers.

The Health Board utilises the All Wales Manual Handling Passport, which includes a specific module for the safe movement of patients.

