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Subject: In-Patient Fall Prevention Solutions Used

Q1 What are the current In-Patient Fall Prevention Solutions Used?

A1 In line with the Trust's Slips, Trips and Falls Policy, a Paediatric Falls Risk Assessment is completed for every inpatient on admission to the ward and will be completed within 6 hours of admission. If the total score is 3 or more, or based on clinical judgement, then the Falls Care Plan must be completed to document the plan of care required for the patient. The Falls Risk Assessment and Care Plan form part of the ward inpatient admission checklist on Meditech (Trust EPR).

Q2 What are the current In-Patient Fall Detection Solutions Used?

A2 As per A1

Q3 What Bed Exit Solutions are currently in use for In-Patient Care

A3 As part of the admission assessment on Meditech, staff must confirm whether or not the patient requires bed rails and if they do, staff should adhere to the guidelines listed on Meditech. The aim being, to reduce the risk of falls from the bed. Environmental hazards on the ward may also increase the risk of patient falls and an annual environmental ward risk assessment is conducted by the Ward Manager using a checklist.

Q4 If any fall prevention / detection solutions are used, how do they alert to a fall / potential fall?

A4 Information not held - The Trust does not have any falls prevention equipment other than integral siderails.

Q5 How many falls (Per year) were recorded in the last 5 year?

A5 2018 - 40
2019 - 39
2020 - 38
2021 - 56
2022 - 39
2023 - 39

Q6 How many, if any resulted in patient deaths?

A6 Zero

Q7 How many have resulted in litigation?

A7 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally

as part of its management or performance data.

Q8 Are you currently following a fall prevention strategy?

A8 Following the Slips, Trips and Falls Policy.

Q9 Which team is responsible for In-Patient fall prevention?

A9 Information not held - The Trust does not have a falls prevention team, prevention of falls / assessment would sit with ward staff.