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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2020/0136**

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

**////////////////////REQUEST**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I hope you can help. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with copies of the following:

- How many people over 60 were admitted to hospital as a result of a trip and/or fall in 2019, 2018 and 2015?  
[Please see table below.](#)
- How many people over 60 were admitted to hospital as a result of a trip or fall from January 2020 to June 2020?  
[Please see table below.](#)

In 2019, which month saw more hospital admissions due to a trip or fall in over 60s? **In 2019 October saw the highest numbers of admissions.**

**WVT NHS Trust - IP Admissions as result of Trip or Fall >= 60 yrs of age**

**Number of Individual Patients admitted as a result of trip or fall**

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Grand Total
2015	98	81	83	82	81	100	100	94	87	77	99	91	<b>1073</b>
2018	80	81	102	82	95	108	100	101	100	92	79	93	<b>1113</b>
2019	88	86	97	98	100	75	92	100	108	121	100	111	<b>1176</b>
2020	105	100	80	68	92	83							<b>528</b>

**Number of Admissions as a result of trip or fall**

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Grand Total
2015	101	84	85	83	90	106	103	103	89	81	104	101	<b>1130</b>
2018	97	107	121	103	117	129	117	126	118	113	103	115	<b>1366</b>
2019	113	110	121	122	135	106	121	120	142	157	121	135	<b>1503</b>
2020	135	126	98	91	118	102							<b>670</b>

The numbers above relate to individual patients admitted, as well as numbers of admissions for the periods 2015, 2018, 2019 & 2020 up to June 30 as requested.

Whilst numbers of people being admitted as a result of a trip or fall has only shown a small increase, the number of admissions increased greatly in 2019 as a result of multiple admissions for some patients.

I understand that under the Act I am entitled to a response within 20 working days of your receipt of this request. Some parts of the request may be easier to answer than others. Should this be the case, I request that you release information as soon as possible.

I would prefer to receive the information by email.

Please acknowledge receipt of this request, and I look forward to receiving the information in the near future.

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<https://www.wyevalley.nhs.uk/about-us/information-requests/freedom-of-information-requests.aspx>

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31-34 Commercial Road  
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Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113     [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,  
Glen Burley, Chief Executive

Russell Hardy, Chairman

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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