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Dear Mr Malloy

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Please find below our response to your request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

This response has been prepared by the Head of Quality and Safety for Wirral University Teaching Hospital.

I would request that these figures are broken down into yearly totals.

I understand that the development of pressure ulcers are recorded as adverse incidents and therefore the figures should be easily accessed.

Q1. Please could you provide me with details of the number of patients reported as suffering from pressure ulcers whilst under your care in the last 5 years.

2006-07	70
2007-08	230
2008-09	290
2009-10	274
2010-11	717

Please be advised the numbers above are for hospital acquired pressure sores/ulcers and do not include patients admitted to hospital with pre existing pressure sores/ulcers.

In July 2010 the Trust carried out a review of these incidents which has lead to improved reporting and recording of pressure sores/ulcers and this is reflected in the increase in figures in 2010 -11.

Q2. Additionally please provide me with the number of individual pressure ulcers reported within the same time frame.

July 2010 to March 2011 (inclusive) 598 patients had 629 individual pressure sores/ulcers.

The Trust did not record the number of individual pressure sores/ulcers prior to the review in July 2010 therefore, is unable to provide any further information prior to

this date.

We hope this information fully answers your request but if anything further is required or you are dissatisfied with the management of your request, please contact the Access to Information Office.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Lin Snow
Information Governance / Records Manager

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