

# Request title: National Dementia Strategy for Dementia

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Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

## Request and reply

There is an objective in the National Dementia Strategy for Dementia for improved quality of care for people with dementia. We are therefore interested to know:

- What development of a Trust wide dementia strategy has taken place (please submit any strategy or guidance documents)?

The Trust has had a dementia strategy and action plan in place for a number of years. A copy is attached above. A multi-disciplinary, multi-agency Dementia and Delirium Steering Group has been in place for around 5 years. The group has been at the forefront of improvements in dementia care and in 2014 were shortlisted finalists for this work in the HSJ Awards Compassionate Care category. The Executive summary for their nomination is attached along with some of the leaflets that the group have developed.

- If there is a member of the board within the hospital with responsibility for implementing the dementia strategy?

The Trust's Medical Director is the Executive Lead for Safeguarding.

- If not, is the development of a Trust wide strategy being planned?

Not applicable.

- How many people with coding of dementia experienced falls while in your hospital for the last year that figures are available?

The table below is a record of all incidents of falls where the recorder of the incident has selected "yes" to the question of whether the patient has dementia. The data below has been produced from the information that has been recorded in the Trust's electronic reporting system. However, it is important to note that the Trust cannot guarantee that this is a full and comprehensive list, as this may not necessarily be 100% accurate in recording of all patients with an official coding of dementia, as the system is reliant upon the information that is input.

Harm	Apr 2014	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Total
None	17	15	17	17	13	19	14	9	16	22	16	19	194
Minor	5	8	12	4	7	14	4	7	13	5	10	5	94
Moderate	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>300</b>

- Do you have a dementia specific falls prevention plan in place?

The Trust does not have a dementia specific falls prevention plan in place. This is because the needs of patients with a cognitive impairment have been fully accounted for as part of our revised slips, trips and falls policy. As an organisation the Trust recognises that patients with a cognitive impairment, including those with dementia, are at much higher risk of falling. As such it routinely undertakes falls prevention strategies including cohort bays where patients known to be at high risk of falls are cared for in a bay that always has a member of staff in. If a member of staff has to leave the bay for any reason or go behind curtains to provide care, another member of staff takes over the observation of these patients. Likewise, patients with a cognitive impairment who are at high falls risk are not left unattended on the commode or toilet.

- What was the average length of stay for people with dementia for the last 3 years that figures are available?

Please see the table below:

Year	Inpatient length of stay (in days)
2012/13	14.33
2013/14	13.80
2014/15	14.59

- What was the average length of stay for a) all adult and b) 65 years and over inpatients for the last 3 years that figures are available?

Please see the table below:

Year	Adults	Adults over the age of 65 years
2012/13	7.27	9.87
2013/14	7.41	9.88
2014/15	8.22	11.18

- What was the number of hospital readmissions within 30 days for a) all adult inpatients b) inpatients over the age of 65 and c) inpatients with dementia, for the last year that is available?

The table below is for an original admission between April 2014 and March 2015 with a readmission regardless of speciality or site:

	Number	Admissions	Percentage of all readmissions
Dementia patients	211	2,048	10.30%
Adults	14,577	135,787	10.74%
Adults aged over 65 years	6,401	72,433	8.84%

- How many staff have received dedicated dementia training at a) board level b) of clinical staff c) of non-clinical staff?

Please see the table below:

Staff group	Meets requirements	Percentage of each total staff group
Board level	5	100%
Clinical Staff	3,835	76.08%
Non-Clinical staff	2,270	80.44%

- How many staff have undergone Dementia Friends training?

The Trust does not offer this particular training as it has its own bespoke approved Trust training, which is 1 hour for all staff and 1 day training for all staff on wards identified with having a higher % of patients over the age of 75. Dementia Friends training can be accessed online by anyone who wishes to complete that course.