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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Accidental falls associated with glasses

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 10th March 2020.

You Asked for:

I write to request information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 ('the Act') on the numbers of patients per year who have a fall associated with vision correction (glasses use e.g.).

The information is requested as numbers per year (from 2010 onwards) on an individual year by year basis under the following headings:

1. The number of A&E attendances per year for an accidental fall associated with glasses use in your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area.
2. The number of hospital outpatient appointments per year for an accidental fall associated with glasses use in your CCG area.
3. The number of GP appointments per year for an accidental fall associated with glasses use in your CCG area.
4. The number of deaths per year for an accidental fall associated with glasses use in your CCG area.

Our Response:

Unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is unable to answer this request.

Our Business Intelligence Team have investigated this request and whilst there are codes to identify patients who have fallen and codes to identify those that wear glasses or contact lenses, there is currently no code which identifies if a patient has suffered an accidental fall associated with glasses or contact lenses use.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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