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Inpatient Falls and Absconding Stats

1. The total number of inpatient falls by ward for each hospital over the last five years.

Please refer to Excel workbook attached – worksheet 1

2. The average annual compensation cost to the Trust related to inpatient falls over the last five years.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (to 24/11/2025)
Belfast City Hospital	0	<5	0	0	<5
Ward/area	-	06 North	-	-	02 East Pre Assessment
Average annual compensation	-	£34,948.40	-	-	£4,212.20
Forster Green Hospital Site					
Forster Green Hospital Site	0	0	0	0	0
Average annual compensation	-	-	-	-	£0.00
Knockbracken Healthcare Park					
Knockbracken Healthcare Park	0	0	0	0	<5
Ward/area	-	-	-	-	Clare Ward, LSU
Average annual compensation	-	-	-	-	£50,000.00
Mater					
Mater	<5	0	<5	<5	<5
Ward/area	A&E	-	Ward J	Atrium	X-ray Dept.
Average annual compensation	£1,500	-	£7,300	£30,000	£52,000

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Muckamore Abbey Hospital	0	0	0	0	0
Average annual compensation	-	-	-	-	-
Musgrave Park Hospital					
Musgrave Park Hospital	0	<5	0	0	0
Ward/area	-	Musgrave Park Regional Orthopaedic Service	-	-	-
Average annual compensation	-	£30,226.85	-	-	-
Royal Victoria Hospital					
Royal Victoria Hospital	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Average annual compensation	£5,750	£26,250	£2,250	£10,500	£44,833
Ward/area	Off ward Off Ward	Off ward	ED	Ward 07B Ward 07D	Ward 04E Ward 04A Ward 04F

3. The total number of absconding incidents (where an inpatient has left a ward without informing staff, resulting in them being recorded as missing) by hospital and ward for each of the last five years.

Please refer to Excel workbook attached – worksheet 2.

Note: Use of <5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as the small numbers involved could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

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- 4. The average annual compensation cost to the Trust related to absconding incidents over the last five years.**

Nil