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Post-mortem patient injuries

Enquiry:

Can you please provide me with a breakdown of how many times your health trust has recorded injuries/damage to a patient's body after death (e.g. fractures/broken bones/lacerations) while within the vicinity/grounds of one of your hospitals . . . for the last ten calendar years (January 2011 to December 2021).

Belfast Trust response:

Year injury occurred	2014	2016
Hospital location	RVH – Funeral Director incident	RVH – Trust incident
Short description of type of injury/break/fracture/laceration	Indentation on head	Forehead abrasion
Short description of how injury is believed to have occurred	Trolley collapsed when funeral director transporting body	Incorrect positioning of body by undertakers
Short description of where in the hospital the injury is believed to have occurred.	Mortuary	Mortuary
Were the family informed of the injuries (Yes/No)	No	Yes