



Summary of NAIF 2026 (version 7) dataset changes from January 2026

We have added clarifications regarding categories of injuries, as we were receiving a lot of queries about whether fractures/injuries are eligible.

We have also added 2 questions, one regarding whether the fall happened when patients are getting care in a temporary escalation space (e.g. corridor care) and another question about bone health medication.

Section 1: Patient confirmation

- Q1.0 *Trust or health board assigned* is now removed.
- Q1.1 is now moved to the end of the section to *Q1.7 Did this patient have a fall resulting in an injury or injuries in your Trust / Health Board?*
Option removed: Not a patient at this Trust/Health Board
Option amended: Duplicate record assigned

Section 2: Fall and injury details (updates)

- Question 2.1 – What injury/injuries were sustained as a result of the fall?
Added clarification as the purpose of the question is not to determine whether the injury is eligible but to determine category of injury:
Amended: Please select the **category** of injury or injuries – select all that apply.
 - Head injury
 - Spinal injury
 - *Option amended:* Hip fracture Neck of femur
 - Vertebral fragility fracture
 - Humeral fracture
 - Distal forearm fracture
 - Pelvic ring fracture
 - Other fracture
- **NEW** Question 2.4b – Was the patient in a temporary escalation space when they had the fall that caused the injury(ies)?

Section 3: Multi-factorial Assessment to optimise Safe Activity (unchanged)

Section 4: Post Fall management (updates)

- REVISED Question 4.1 – Is there documented evidence in the clinical notes that the patient was checked for signs or symptoms of potential ~~for spinal injury and fracture injury (fracture, spinal and head injury)~~ before they were moved?
 - REVISED subsection 4.1b – Was immobilisation used? (tick all that apply)
~~(RCEM+other work)~~
- Question 4.2 – What moving and handling method was used to move the patient following the fall that caused the injury (ies)?
Option removed: Ambulance service equipment
Option amended: Flat lifting equipment/scoop hoist
Option added: Spinal board
- REVISED Question 4.3 – Is there documented evidence that the patient had a medical ~~examination assessment~~ within 30 minutes following fall that resulted in the injury (ies)?

- 4.3a & 4.3b – All references to medical assessment have been revised to medical examination.
- Question 4.4 – Was analgesia given following the fall that caused the injury (ies)?
Option added: Informed decline
- Question 4.7 – Was there a delay in transfer to the acute hospital recorded?
Option amended: Not applicable as patient is already in an acute hospital / trust or transfer not required

Section 5: Post fall review

- **NEW** Question 5.3 – Was bone therapy initiated during the same inpatient stay as the inpatient fall-related fracture? (tick all that apply)