

THE FALLS TEAM

Assessments/Intervention in A&E

- Assess all over 65 year old fallers
- Assess patients in A&E for suitability for discharge home if medically fit (discharge checklist)
- Provide equipment to enable safer discharge home
- Liase with A&E Social Worker/Intermediate Care to request additional support as necessary

Assessment following discharge from A&E – Falls Part 1

Coping following current fall

- Functional/mobility assessment

Preventing future falls

- Home risk assessment to identify environmental hazards
- Provision of mobility equipment and environmental adaptations
- Education and advice on prevention of future falls
- Referral for further rehabilitation; Falls Part II, Hayward Day Hospital, Drake Day Hospital

Coping with future falls

- Advice on the “Long Lie”
- Checking ability to get on/off floor. Teaching method if needed
- Pendant Alarm information
- Restructuring environment to minimise impact of future falls
- Hip protectors