

RD&E Ward Abscondence

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, please can I request:

- How many times young people have absconded from the Royal Devon & Exeter (RD&E) Bramble Ward each month for the last two years (November 2021 to November 2023).*

Answer: Please see table below. In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases ≤ 5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Total Incidents</i>
<i>Nov-21</i>	0
<i>Dec-21</i>	0
<i>Jan-22</i>	0
<i>Feb-22</i>	≤ 5
<i>Mar-22</i>	0
<i>Apr-22</i>	≤ 5
<i>May-22</i>	0
<i>Jun-22</i>	0
<i>Jul-22</i>	≤ 5
<i>Aug-22</i>	≤ 5
<i>Sep-22</i>	≤ 5
<i>Oct-22</i>	≤ 5
<i>Nov-22</i>	≤ 5
<i>Dec-22</i>	0
<i>Jan-23</i>	0
<i>Feb-23</i>	≤ 5

Mar-23	≤5
Apr-23	13
May-23	15
Jun-23	18
Jul-23	≤5
Aug-23	≤5
Sep-23	6
Oct-23	12

2. *How many times young people absconding from RD&E Bramble Ward over the last two years have managed to go on to leave the RD&E site including the grounds.*

Answer: Please see table below.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Total Incidents</i>
Nov-21	0
Dec-21	0
Jan-22	0
Feb-22	0
Mar-22	0
Apr-22	0
May-22	0
Jun-22	0
Jul-22	0
Aug-22	≤5
Sep-22	≤5
Oct-22	0
Nov-22	0
Dec-22	0
Jan-23	0
Feb-23	0
Mar-23	≤5
Apr-23	6
May-23	≤5
Jun-23	≤5
Jul-23	0
Aug-23	0
Sep-23	≤5
Oct-23	9

3. *How many of these incidents over the last two years needed police to be informed as young people had left, or were thought to have left, the RD&E site.*

Answer: Please see table below.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Total Incidents</i>
<i>Nov-21</i>	0
<i>Dec-21</i>	0
<i>Jan-22</i>	0
<i>Feb-22</i>	0
<i>Mar-22</i>	0
<i>Apr-22</i>	0
<i>May-22</i>	0
<i>Jun-22</i>	0
<i>Jul-22</i>	0
<i>Aug-22</i>	0
<i>Sep-22</i>	≤5
<i>Oct-22</i>	0
<i>Nov-22</i>	0
<i>Dec-22</i>	0
<i>Jan-23</i>	0
<i>Feb-23</i>	0
<i>Mar-23</i>	≤5
<i>Apr-23</i>	≤5
<i>May-23</i>	≤5
<i>Jun-23</i>	≤5
<i>Jul-23</i>	0
<i>Aug-23</i>	0
<i>Sep-23</i>	≤5
<i>Oct-23</i>	≤5