

Title

E Scooter Injuries

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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).

Please can you tell me, for each of the last three calendar years, up to and including this one to date:

1. How many children (under 18) have been treated for injuries caused as a result of riding an e scooter or being involved in a collision with one? .

2021 – nil, 2022 – nil, 2023 (up to 31/07/23) * <5.

* ≤5.

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.

2. How many of these children died?. – Nil.
3. In each case, please give brief details of injuries sustained and length of stay required in hospital

The Trust has carefully considered your request. It has however declined to provide the specific details of the events under Section 40, sections 3(a) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Trust recognises that whilst the information requested does not itself identify the patient(s), the questions are asking for very specific and focused details, and due to the low number of cases involved, to provide this detail would create a potential for the patient(s) concerned to be identified. The Trust believes that the release of such sensitive information meets the definition of personal data, and disclosing the information would contravene one of the data protection principles set out in article 5 of the UK GDPR. As such release of the information would be likely to cause distress to the individuals concerned.