

Inpatient Fee Rates for Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)

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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).

I am researching the cost of care for conditions relating to Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) conditions for patients in a level-3 neuro-rehab facility who are occupying an in-patient bed. I am looking to obtain and explain the care type and funding condition for which I want to gather the information. The funding conditions are as follows:

Spot Purchase Price - In Area – *This is classified as the prevailing (latest 2023) daily fee charged by you to the ICS for providing care to an individual who is from your ICS region and is occupying a bed under an immediate requirement and is not contracted for and is made 'on the spot'.*

Spot Purchase Price – Out of Area – *This is classified as the prevailing (latest 2023) daily fee charged by you to the ICS for providing care to an individual who is an out-of-area patient from another ICS and is occupying a bed in your trust but is paid for by their home ICS, under an immediate requirement and is not contracted for and is made 'on the spot'.*

Block contract – *This is classified as the average amount spent per individual under a contract that you agree upon as a trust with your home ICS to provide care for an individual needing an inpatient bed for an acquired brain injury treatment in a level-3 neuro-rehab facility.*

If the data is unavailable in the format requested, please provide the information in the following format.

Overall Average (in £) – *The overall average cost of a patient that occupies a bed in a level-3 neuro-rehab facility.*

Answer: Neurorehabilitation patients are described as having Category A, B, C or D rehabilitation needs. The Level 1, 2a, 2b and 3 refers to the in-patient unit, not the type of patient.

Mardon House, Exeter is a Level 2b neurorehabilitation in-patient unit. Level 3 patients may be treated within Royal Devon's community hospital beds, and one ward.

The Trust has considered your request however, the Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format. To provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources and systems, including patient records which is inappropriate for an FOI request.

To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

However, in order to assist, the the average cost for a rehabilitation patient (Level-2) based on the 2022/23 National Cost Collection is £55,261. This is not a bed day cost but the average cost for the total stay in Mardon House, Exeter (a Level 2b neurorehabilitation in-patient unit).