

## Title SHARE Guidance

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

- Do A&E and mental health specialist staff follow the SHARE guidance regarding CONSENT, CONFIDENTIALITY & INFORMATION SHARING IN MENTAL HEALTHCARE & SUICIDE PREVENTION? [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1013010/zero-suicide-alliance-share.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1013010/zero-suicide-alliance-share.pdf)

Currently SHARE is not referenced directly in mandatory training. The mandatory annual data security and protection training has a module on confidentiality and sharing information.

If not, what guidance or protocol do you follow regarding vulnerable patients? Please see below:

- If so, do you provide training on this guidance? Is this training mandatory? YES.

- Psych Liaison Trust staff share information relating to suicide in line with the guidance.
- ED staff share information too when appropriate– this may not be as a result of this SHARE document but they do share information have called Police and/or GP
- Other clinical teams, HR Teams, chaplaincy, line managers, safeguarding teams and other staff share information to protect patients, relatives, visitors, members of the public and staff members where there is a significant risk of harm or death.
- Staff have shared with Police, social services, IDVA, GP, other health professionals, Occupational Health, HR or council.
- Clinical staff and the Safeguarding Team share this information sometimes about patients at MARAC or within MASH or Safeguarding Adults concerns.
- Safeguarding Team attend MARAC every week.

- There is guidance in safeguarding policies and training undertaken by all staff that information to safeguard people from significant harm or death can be shared.

- In the last year, or six months should this exceed the cost limit, how many times was this protocol enacted? Essentially, I would like to know how many times did your NHS trust share information about somebody being at risk of suicide with another agency, including police, councils, social workers.

It would be impossible to state how many times this protocol had been enacted over the last year, as it is done regularly. Numerical data is not kept but actions to share information are documented in patient electronic records, within HR notes or it is within referrals.