

## Title Drug Related A&E Admissions

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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).

1. Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please tell me for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 [current number as of 9<sup>th</sup> October]:
  - The number of A&E attendances where the word 'cocaine' appears in records.
  - The number of A&E attendances where the word 'ketamine' appears in records.

Year	Cocaine	Ketamine
2018	32	17
2019	23	17
2020	27	16
2021	45	10
2022	40	31
2023	50	26

Please see page 2 - \* Section 12 (1) – Time/Cost (over 18hrs work)

2. Could you please tell me for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 [current number as of 9<sup>th</sup> October]:
  - The number of A&E admissions where 'ketamine' has been recorded [either in patient notes or in free text field 'reason for visit']
  - Please break down these admissions by age group [e.g. - 12-17/18-24]

Year	Age 12 - 17	Age 12 - 17	Age 18 - 24	Age 12 - 17	Age 18 - 24
2018	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	*<5	0
2020	0	0	0	*<5	0
2021	0	0	0	0	*<5
2022	0	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	*<5	*<5

The following Freedom of Information exemptions also apply:

Question 2:

\* <5 Section 40 (2) - Less than five

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/staff and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases, ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

These figures are withheld under Section 40(2) due to low numbers. The disclosure of which could risk the identification of those staff members and breach Caldicott principles.

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authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

Questions 1 and 2

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Please note for questions 1 and 2 we are not able to search patient notes so only the free text presenting complaint field recorded on arrival at the Emergency Department has been searched.

To undertake a search of patients notes would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources. The Trust applies Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. 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.