

Digital Dictation

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

- 1. Do you currently use digital dictation? Yes/No
- 2. If yes, who is your provider for digital dictation? 3M
- 3. If no, what is your process for letter production? n/a
- 4. What is the contract end date for your current digital dictation provider? **04/2025**
- 5. Do you use outsourced transcription or speech recognition or both?
- 6. Who are your suppliers for each? n/a
- 7. What is the contract end date for these suppliers? n/a
- 8. What EPR and PAS system is used? Epic
- What is your current letter turnaround time target (from appointment to letter sent to the GP)? Same day for many services, some services up to 5 days.
- 10. Are you compliant with this target? Largely yes.
- 11. Do your teams suffer from letter backlogs due to capacity? Not since the EPR implementation, teams are able to share workload so can flex in times of capacity.
- 12. How many secretarial/admin staff are employed to support outpatient letter production? For many secretaries this is no longer a function of their role.