

Trust
CCTV / Neonatal Unit

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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).

Dear Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust,

*This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
I would like to request the following information:*

1. *Do you currently have CCTV on your neonatal unit?*

Answer: Areas are appropriately covered – for security reasons we cannot disclose details. The Trust cannot provide the requested information under **Section 31(3) of the FOIA**. – Please see full exemption in the Trust response to question 3 below.

2. *If no to Question 1, do you have any plans to install CCTV on your neonatal unit?*

Answer: Not applicable.

3. *Do you have CCTV in any other departments where patients are treated? If yes, which ones? For example: Accident & Emergency, maternity, pediatrics, etc.*

Answer: Areas are appropriately covered – for security reasons we cannot disclose details: The Trust cannot provide the requested information under **Section 31(3) of the FOIA**.

The Trust considers that to release the requested information would reveal details that could assist in a cyber-attack. However, the Trust recognizes that answering the request would promote openness and transparency with regards to the Trust's IT security.

Cyber-attacks which may amount to criminal offences under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 or the Data Protection Act 2018, are rated as a Tier 1 threat by the UK Government. The Trust like any organisation may be subject to cyber-attacks and since it holds large amounts of sensitive, personal, and confidential information, maintaining the security of this information is extremely important.

In this context, the Trust considers that providing the requested information would also provide information about the Trust's information systems and its resilience to cyber-attacks. There is a very strong public interest in preventing the Trust's information systems from being subject to cyber-attacks. Releasing the type of information requested would be likely to prejudice the prevention of cybercrime, and this is not in the public interest.

As an Operator of Essential Services: (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/506/schedule/2/paragraph/8>), the Trust must comply with The Network and Information Systems Regulations 2018. By releasing information that could increase the likelihood or severity of a cyber-attack, the Trust would fail to meet its security duties as stated in section 10 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/506/regulation/10>) of the Network and Information Systems Regulations 2018.

The prejudice in complying with Section 31(3) of FOIA is real and significant and would allow valuable insight into the perceived strengths and weaknesses of the Trust's IT infrastructure and information systems.

4. *If no to Question 3, do you have any plans to install CCTV in any departments where patients are treated? If so, which ones?*

Answer: Not applicable.