

Aortic Dissection

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

Request and Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

1. Do you have a policy and/or written procedures for how your trust responds to patients presenting at A&E with chest pain or suspected heart related conditions?

Cardiology – Yes

Emergency Department - Yes

Acute Medical Unit - Yes

Vascular Surgery – Vascular patients are cared for by the Cardiology department. This is due to the mainstay of treatment is blood pressure control in a higher level than ward care.

2. Do you have a policy and/or written procedures for managing suspected aortic dissection?

Cardiology – No

Emergency Department – No

Acute Medical Unit - No

Vascular Surgery - Vascular patients are cared for by the Cardiology department. This is due to the mainstay of treatment is blood pressure control in a higher level than ward care.

3. Do you have a policy and/or written procedures for managing aortic dissection once diagnosed? Please provide a copy of these.

Cardiology – No

Emergency Department – No

Acute Medical Unit - No

Vascular Surgery - Vascular patients are cared for by the Cardiology department. This is due to the mainstay of treatment is blood pressure control in a higher level than ward care.

4. If you have a policy or procedures in place regarding aortic dissection, what is the trust's process for ensuring that all clinical staff are made aware and are reminded?

Cardiology – Not applicable. Please see response to question 3.

Emergency Department - Not applicable. Please see response to question 3.

Acute Medical Unit – Not applicable, please see response to question 3.

Vascular Surgery - Vascular patients are cared for by the Cardiology department. This is due to the mainstay of treatment is blood pressure control in a higher level than ward care.

5. If you provide training, please provide a copy of the training material. Do you have any training / induction to ensure that all staff are familiar with it?

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Emergency Department - Not applicable. Please see response to question 3.

Acute Medical Unit - Not applicable. Please see response to question 3.

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