

Pressure Ulcers

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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).

Please could you provide me with the following data for both Royal Devon, Exeter Hospitals and Eastern services as well as North Devon District Hospital's and Northern Services;

- How many patients have developed a new pressure ulcer each month (please specify staging of pressure ulcers) for the last 12 months within your Trust?*

Answer: Please see table below. We capture the number of pressure ulcers recorded each month for the IPR, not the number of patients developing pressure ulcers. In large majority of cases, this will be the same. However, multiple pressure ulcers for the same patient in the same month means the above data will be a maximum for the number of individual patients developing pressure ulcers. Recording of these pressure ulcers depends on Datix submissions. An Eastern Services specialist for Tissue Viability confirmed a process is undertaken before distribution of data that attempts to cleanse pressure ulcer counts each month to reduce double counting of the same pressure ulcer. Despite this, actual values of pressure ulcers may vary from those stated in table.

Number of pressure ulcers recorded each month by staging, covering Aug-22 to Jul-2						
	Deep Tissue Injury (DTI)	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Unstageable
Jul-23	9	22	87	15	≤5	6
Aug-22	10	29	65	10	≤5	9
Sep-22	7	15	76	18	≤5	≤5
Oct-22	9	21	64	≤5	≤5	8
Nov-22	13	17	52	11	≤5	8
Dec-22	8	30	66	12	0	11
Jan-23	10	28	92	11	0	13
Feb-23	12	21	87	8	7	17
Mar-23	10	36	120	15	≤5	26
Apr-23	8	28	94	9	≤5	18

May-23	≤5	33	89	9	≤5	14
Jun-23	0	16	47	10	≤5	8

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

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.

2. *How many patients have developed hospital acquired pressure ulcers each month (please specify staging of pressure ulcers) for the last 12 months within your Trust?*

Answer: Please see table below. This removes community nursing pressure ulcers from question 1.

Number of hospital-acquired pressure ulcers recorded each month by staging, covering Aug-22 to Jul-23.						
	Deep Tissue Injury (DTI)	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Unstageable
Jul-23	≤5	11	44	7	≤5	≤5
Aug-22	≤5	11	25	≤5	≤5	6
Sep-22	≤5	10	39	9	≤5	≤5
Oct-22	7	11	30	≤5	0	≤5
Nov-22	≤5	10	24	≤5	0	≤5
Dec-22	6	18	43	6	0	≤5
Jan-23	≤5	14	53	6	0	≤5
Feb-23	≤5	12	52	≤5	≤5	6
Mar-23	≤5	23	47	≤5	0	8
Apr-23	≤5	18	47	≤5	≤5	6
May-23	≤5	16	38	≤5	≤5	8
Jun-23	0	9	17	≤5	≤5	≤5

3. *The number of pressure ulcers declared as a serious incident each month for the last 12 months within your Trust?*

Answer: 1 incident. Following parameters used:

- Incident Type: Pressure Ulcer/Skin Damage
- Category: Pressure Ulcer - Acute hospital acquired
- Reported Date: 01/08/2022:31/07/2023
- Further Investigation Required: SI Investigation

4. *What percentage of patients had a pressure ulcer risk assessment completed upon admission to your caseload over the last 12 months?*

Answer: Please see data below representing 6 months only (Feb-2023 to July-2023).

<i>Northern Services</i>	63.22%
<i>Eastern Services</i>	66.04%

The Trust has considered your request for the last 12 months of data, however to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from historic systems and sources. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

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.

5. *What are your targets regarding pressure ulcer incidence reduction as a Trust?*

Answer: Royal Devon does not have a target and this is not an objective. PSIRF learning from incidents is our framework for reduction of all harms.

6. *What is your overall pressure ulcer prevalence each year for the last 5 years?*

Answer: Since the safety thermometer stopped the NHS has not completed prevalence studies. Reporting is only by incident data.