

## Knife Crime

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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 and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust Response**

1. How many people have been treated for serious knife or bladed article injuries for the following years?

March 2019 - March 2020  
March 2020- March 2021  
March 2021 - March 2022

2. How many people have died through a knife wound for the following years?

March 2019 - March 2020  
March 2020- March 2021  
March 2021 - March 2022

3. Can you specify how many patients under the age of 18 have been treated for knife injuries both fatal and non-fatal in your Trust since 2013? Can you give a break down by age and sex?

March 2019 - March 2020  
March 2020- March 2021  
March 2021 - March 2022

**We can confirm that this data is held by the Trust, however, In accordance with To carry out the above questions would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt. Collating this data would exceed the cost limit as answering the above questions would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources.**

**In addition to this, the Trusts legacy systems do not allow this level of searches, instead, we can only look at a "Presenting complaint field. This would make it impossible to give an accurate count as the majority of the time, the information will not provide details regarding the cause of the injury.**