

Title: Rigid Bronchoscopy Procedures

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Eastern and Northern Services) response(s) below:

I would like to make a freedom of information request.

Could you let me know how many procedures the trust carried out using a rigid bronchoscope each year from 2017 to 2022?

Year	Eastern / Northern Services	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (to Oct 22)
Rigid Bronchoscopy	Eastern Services	0	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
	Northern Services	0	0	≤5	0	0	0

Answer: Please see table above.

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wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients/staff and should not be published.