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# Alzheimer's Disease Testing

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

For the last 12 months period, please could you provide:

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via lumbar puncture

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via PET scan

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via SPECT scan

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via MRI or CT scans

The Trust is unable to respond *to the* above questions as the information is not recorded. The Trust does not *hold a* Dementia waiting list, *and* the Trust staff would not be able to pull this data specifically from an imaging (Radiology) point of view. The only way the Trust could *possibly* respond to this request *would be by* looking at each patient record. However, due to the amount of patients that the Trust would see in a 12 month period, and the amount of records generated, to try to provide you with the information would involve Trust staff having to try to manual extract and manipulate the information from various 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.