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### Gender options on patient forms

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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).

*Please provide a list of all gender options you list on patient forms.*

*To clarify - Any form that collects the personal data of patients, such as name, gender/sex, age etc. For example, an inpatient form. If the number of forms would take you above the threshold for cost of compliance (s. 12(1)), please select a sample of such forms under the threshold.*

Please see Trust response below.

Please note: Following the merger of Royal Devon and Exeter Healthcare Foundation Trust and Northern Devon Healthcare Trust, the newly created Royal Devon University Healthcare Trust is continuing to evaluate processes to ensure continuity and equity of patient experience across all of our sites.

'Friends and Family Test' feedback forms:

The gender demographic is not requested in the version used by Eastern Services. However, in Northern Services the version used does request this demographic, and lists the following options:

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Gender non-conforming

On the Trust Epic system: (our electronic patient record). The following are populated as per Protocol.

- Female
- Male
- Not known
- Not Specified

The following on the Trust's EPIC system is populated only when prompted by the patient. This is only done by a Trust Clinician acting specifically on a patients' request.

- Choose not to disclose.
- Female
- Male
- Other
- Transgender female
- Transgender male