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# Non-surgical procedures treatment for Botulinum toxins injections or Dermer fillers generally

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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).

*Non-surgical procedures - I am requesting data on the number of patients who have been treated at your hospitals for complications from Botulinum toxin and dermal fillers.*

*I refer to Procedures involving Botulinum toxin injections or dermal fillers generally:*

*1) The total number of patients that have been treated at all your hospitals for non-surgical procedures - for quarter 2 of 2023-2024.*

*2) The total cost of treating at all your hospitals for non-surgical procedures for quarter 2 of 2023-2024.*

*3) The total number of patients that all of your hospitals have referred to private clinics to treat non-surgical procedures for quarter 2 of 2023-2024.*

Answer: The Freedom of Information Act allows the public to ask for copies of information held. This information is not held in documentation in a reportable format within the Trust; therefore, we are unable to release information in response to the above questions.

The Trust has no recorded records of patients that had treatment at the RDUH following administration of Botulinum toxins injections /Botox elsewhere.

There have been patients who presented with a complication of dermal filler given elsewhere (i.e.: acute infection or soft tissue necrosis). Such patients have been treated at the Trust; however, we are not able to confirm if they would have been seen in the time scale requested in this FOI. To provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information contained in patient records, it is not expected and inappropriate for the Trust to review individual patient records to obtain/produce the information.

## Section 40 (2)

In this instance the FOI questions are exempt under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (patient's personal data).

In a bid to assist under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, the following links are for NHS Devon. They may be able to assist you to confirm if there any commissioning directly elsewhere for such work.

[One Devon: NHS Devon Integrated Care Board responsible for the majority of NHS budget and services in Devon](#)

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