

Patient Falls in the Accident & Emergency Department

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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 1st 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).

I would like to request the following information please:

- The number of reported patient falls in the emergency department(s) in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023*

Answer: Please see table below:

| Year | Patient falls in Northern ED | Patient falls in Eastern ED | Total patient falls inTrust EDs |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2021-2022 | 37 | 23 | 60 |
| 2022-2023 | 31 | 30 | 61 |

- The number of reported patient falls from/involving a patient trolley or bed in the emergency department(s) in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023*

Answer: Please see table below:

| Year | Falls from /involving trolley or bed in Northern ED | Falls from /involving trolley or bed in Eastern ED | Total falls from /involving trolley or bed in Trust EDs |
|-----------|---|--|---|
| 2021-2022 | 14 | 10 | 24 |
| 2022-2023 | 14 | 8 | 22 |