

## Births & Deaths

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

### Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

Please can you provide annual total for the latest 6 full years (be it financial year Apr-Mar or calendar year Jan-Dec), plus the current year to date, the numbers of the following:

1) How many births in your hospital

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
<b>3,961</b>	<b>4,105</b>	<b>3,872</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>3,649</b>	<b>3,781</b>	<b>2,071</b>

**[\*] Jan-Jul 2022**

2) How many still births there were (or however you define when the baby does not survive birth)

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>

**[\*] Up to 5-Aug 2022**

3) How many people treated for a serious emergency heart condition (e.g. heart attack)

4) How many people died of such heart conditions

**To provide you with the information requested under you questions: 3 and 4 would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources .**

**Clinical coding have confirmed that the definitions used in this question are too vague to determine ICD-10 codes. As such the Trust Is not able to respond to these questions.**

**12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.**

**The appropriate limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days This would entail Trust staff:-**

- Determining whether the information is held.**
- Manually locating the information, or a document containing it.**

- Retrieving the information, or a document containing it.
- Extracting the information from a document containing it.

To carry out the above would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

5) How many deaths there were in total \* (whatever the cause)

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
1,500	1,685	1,589	1,653	1,552	1,622	959

[\*] Jan-Jul 2022

*\*These are deaths that have occurred in the hospital*

6) How many people were treated for \* flu and/or pneumonia (and of which, how many died)

7) How many people were treated for \* COVID19 (and of which, how many died).

If it's not too much trouble, monthly counts would be even better, up to the latest available month; otherwise annual figures would be fine. I understand that for the last question, data will only be available from 2020.

**\*Q6-7: Please note that we cannot identify what a patient has been 'treated for', we can only identify their diagnosis or procedure. If the requestor requires people 'treated for' the diseases/conditions listed this data is not available.**

**The Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. It does not place a duty upon public authorities to answer a question unless recorded information exists. The Freedom of Information Act duty is to only provide the recorded information held.**