

Commercial Clinical Trials

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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 am trying to understand the level of clinical trials activity that is taking place in the UK. Specifically, can you tell me how many commercial clinical trials have been taking place in this hospital trust during the calendar year of 2022?

This could be completed trials, or trials that are ongoing. When I say, "commercial trials", I mean trials that are funded or sponsored by a commercial company such as a pharmaceutical company.

The Trust was running 87 active commercial research studies in the calendar year 2022 – these were studies with active recruitment or in follow-up.

This covers all research activity in the Trust including any studies running at the Northern site.