

## Clinical Incidents and Medical staff

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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 the following information, preferably in an electronic format, for the period of the last five years. Please note, here "clinical incident" is defined as "An event that causes a loss, injury or a near miss to a patient, staff or others."

1. The total number of medical doctors employed at your institution, broken down by professional grade (e.g., FY1, FY2, CT1, CT2, SpR, Associate Specialist, Consultant). If you cannot provide this break down, please provide the total for doctors of all grades.

Grade	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
M&D Consultant	575	522	493	471	441
M&D Foundation Dr	163	133	128	123	125
M&D Junior Doctor	604	541	505	479	447
M&D SAS Doctor	180	174	163	150	150

2. The total number of clinical incidents reported involving medical doctors, categorized by each professional grade. If you cannot provide this break down, please provide the total for doctors of all grades. The Trust does not hold the information in the format requested. Staff role is not recorded on Datix against reporter or person involved in an incident. We record the number of ALL incidents by harm, not by clinician.

The FOIA (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 FOIA duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

To establish whether the information was held we conducted a thorough search and made enquiries with our Safety & Risk Department.

If the Trust held the information, it would have to be held by the above-mentioned department.

3. The number of Physician Associates (PAs) employed.

Year / Subject	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Count of PAs	19	22	17	14	12

4. The number of clinical incidents reported involving PAs within the specified period.

Answer: Please see the response to question 2.

5. The number of Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACPs) and/or Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) employed.

Year / Subject	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Count of ACPs and ANPS	38	22	17	6	5

6. The number of clinical incidents reported involving each of these roles.  
 7. The breakdown of reported clinical incidents resulting in no harm, low harm, moderate harm, severe harm, and death for each clinician category mentioned above. For response to question 6 and 7.

For questions 6 and 7, please see Trust response to question 2.

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