

Renal Dialysis

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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).

Dear Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to request the answers to the below questions, in relation to your Trust.

1. *How many patients are on dialysis at the Trust*

Answer: 620.

- a. *and are these being seen two or three times per week?*

Answer: 3 times a week.

2. *What is your current capacity level*

Answer: We are close to capacity.

- a. *and what is your maximum capacity level of renal dialysis?*

Answer: Dependent on staffing levels – we have some vacant slots, but have nursing vacancies.

3. *What is your current number of dialysis stations/beds?*

Answer: 115 stations.

4. *What is the average cost per patient for renal dialysis within an NHS Trust environment?*

Answer: £144.00, this is based on Renal dialysis average cost using the 22/23 National Costing Collection data due to be submitted this autumn.

5. *Do you run two or three sessions per day and how many days per week do you run your service for?*

Answer: 3 sessions per day 6 days a week.

6. *What is your contingency plan for when you run out of internal dialysis capacity?*

Answer: Other wards have been plumbed for us to be able to dialyze patients there if needed.

7. *Where does the primary source of funding for the renal department stem from? Is it directly from the Trust or the ICB?*

Answer: Funding comes from both Trust and ICB.