

Title:

Under-18s Admitted with a Mental Health Disorder

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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).

Please see Trust response below. Please note, due to coding there may be some slight variation in the figures, but those provided are the best available to the Trust.

Please provide me with the following data for the years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 (to date):

The total number of under-18s admitted with a primary diagnosis of mental health disorder to a paediatric bed

Year	Total Trust – Northern and Eastern service
2019	249
2020	245
2021	286
2022	256
2023	71

-The total number of under-18 admitted with a primary diagnosis of eating disorder to a paediatric bed

Year	Total Trust – Northern and Eastern service
2019	29
2020	55
2021	84
2022	99
2023	7

-Average length of stay for under 18s admitted with a primary diagnosis of mental health disorder to a paediatric bed - days

Year	Total Eastern Service only
2019	* <5
2020	* <5
2021	5
2022	* <5
2023	* <5

Northern Response: The Trust is not able to respond to this question as the information is not held.

-Longest recorded length of stay for under 18s admitted with a primary diagnosis of mental health disorder to a paediatric bed – days

Year	Total Eastern Service only
2019	34
2020	22
2021	49
2022	35
2023	-

Northern Response: The Trust is not able to respond to this question as the information is not held.

-Total moderate and severe serious incidents reported on paediatric wards related to under 18s with a diagnosis of mental disorder

Joint Trust response: *<5 moderate incident reported on paediatric wards related to under 18s with a diagnosis of mental disorder for the years 2019, 2020, 2021,2022, 2023 (to date).

*<5 In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients/staff is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients/staff and breach Caldicott principles .In these cases ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients/staff and should not be published.