

## Procedures Cancelled due to Industrial Action

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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).

*Dear Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust,*

*I am writing to make a freedom of information request.*

*Please provide me with the following information for all services:*

- 1. Total number of priority one procedures cancelled due to industrial action or on days of industrial action. Please provide figures by day if possible.*

Answer: None.

- 2. Total number of priority two procedures cancelled due to industrial action or on days of industrial action. Please provide figures by day if possible.*

Answer: Please see table below. In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases  $\leq 5$  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authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

| <i>Date of planned procedure /Number</i> | <i>Date of planned procedure /Number</i> |
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| 15/12/2022                               | 6  |
| 20/12/2022                               | 8  |
| 06/02/2023                               | $\leq 5$                                 |
| 15/02/2023                               | $\leq 5$                                 |
| 13/03/2023                               | $\leq 5$                                 |
| 14/03/2023                               | $\leq 5$                                 |
| 15/03/2023                               | $\leq 5$                                 |
| 11/04/2023                               | $\leq 5$                                 |
| 12/04/2023                               | $\leq 5$                                 |
| 13/04/2023                               | $\leq 5$                                 |

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|--------------------|-----------|
| 14/06/2023         | ≤5        |
| 15/06/2023         | ≤5        |
| 13/07/2023         | ≤5        |
| 17/07/2023         | ≤5        |
| 20/07/2023         | ≤5        |
| 21/07/2023         | ≤5        |
| 11/08/2023         | ≤5        |
| 12/08/2023         | ≤5        |
| 19/09/2023         | ≤5        |
| 20/09/2023         | ≤5        |
| 22/09/2023         | ≤5        |
| 02/10/2023         | ≤5        |
| 03/10/2023         | ≤5        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>47</b> |

3. *Total number of patients who have had a procedure cancelled twice or more due to industrial action.*

Answer: 65 patients cancelled twice or more due to industrial action but not necessarily for the same procedure.

4. *Please provide me with the total number of delays to induction of labour on industrial action days*

Answer: Nil.

*Please provide me with the following information for all paediatric services. If you are a specialist children's trust then please provide the details for all services:*

5. *Total number of paediatric surgeries or procedures cancelled due to industrial action. If this code isn't available, please provide me with the number of outpatient appointments cancelled on each strike day.*

Answer: ≤5, due to industrial action or on days of industrial action.

6. *Total number of paediatric priority two procedures cancelled due to industrial action. If this code isn't available, please provide me with the number of outpatient appointments cancelled on each strike day.*

Answer: ≤5, due to industrial action or on days of industrial action.

7. *Total number of paediatric outpatient appointments cancelled due to industrial action. If this code isn't available, please provide me with the number of outpatient appointments cancelled on each strike day.*

Answer: 517, due to industrial action or on days of industrial action.

8. *Total paediatric waiting list including general paediatrics as a speciality and paediatric care within each speciality. (separately)*

Answer: Please see table below.

| <i>Paediatric</i>                                  | <i>Current Wait List</i> |
|--|--------------------------|
| Paediatric Service                                 | 1355                     |
| Paediatric Surgery Service                         | 89                       |
| Paediatric Urology Service                         | 10                       |
| Paediatric Trauma and Orthopaedic Service          | 216                      |
| Paediatric Ophthalmology Service                   | 346                      |
| Paediatric Epilepsy Service                        | 19                       |
| Paediatric Endocrinology Service                   | 52                       |
| Paediatric Clinical Haematology Service            | ≤5                       |
| Paediatric Clinical Immunology and Allergy Service | 297                      |
| Paediatric Dermatology Service                     | ≤5                       |
| Paediatric Medical Oncology Service                | ≤5                       |
| Paediatric Diabetes Service                        | ≤5                       |
| Community Paediatric Service                       | 777                      |
| Paediatric Cardiology Service                      | 222                      |
| Paediatric Neurology Service                       | 36                       |