

Antenatal Classes

Reference Number: RDF2013-23 Date of Response: 23/11/23

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 writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your NHS Trust. Please may you provide me with:

1. The total number of expectant mothers registered at your trust, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Eastern Services	Northern Services
2010-11	4,832	*
2011-12	5,030	*
2012-13	4,715	*
2013-14	4,737	*
2014-15	4,717	*
2015-16	4,615	*
2016-17	4,763	*
2017-18	4,480	1,665
2018-19	4,401	1,691
2019-20	4,264	1,578
2020-21	4,482	1,569
2021-22	4,545	1,532
2022-23	4,385	**1,718

^{*}The Trust does not hold the information for Royal Devon's Northern Service for 2010 – 2017.

^{**}The Trust are unable to provide a fully validated report for 01/07/2022 – 31/03/2023 for Royal Devon's Northern Services due to the move to a new Electronic Healthcare Record EHR system. However, to assist we have provided 'the number of pregnancy episodes created in that time' - note this may include data of women already with 'pregnancy episodes created' in the legacy system that was migrated to the new EHR system.

2. The number of expectant mothers registered at your trust, who have been informed that NHS provided in-person antenatal classes are full, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

Answer: Midwives signpost to the virtual antenatal classes however the Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format.

3. The number of expectant mothers registered at your trust, who were able to access NHS provided in-person antenatal classes, by financial year, since 2010.

Answer: The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format, under FOI regulation reporting organisations have no obligation to create information

4. If antenatal classes are provided virtually, how many expectant mothers registered at your trust viewed these classes online, by financial year, since 2010.

Answer: The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format, under FOI regulation reporting organisations have no obligation to create information