

Title: Clinical Trials

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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 FOI team,

I am emailing under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding your trust and its participation in clinical trials by providing patient recruitment and/or acting as a trial site.

Can you please provide answers to the questions below:

Questions	FY2019-22			
	FY2019/20	FY2020/21	FY2021/22	FY2022/23
1. Does your trust participate in clinical trials by providing patient recruitment and/or acting as a trial site? Yes				
2. How many clinical trials have you participated in by providing patient recruitment and/or acting as a trial site which is sponsored by				
<i>I. Academic institutions</i>	104	102	109	116
<i>II. Pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies</i>	106	94	96	90
<i>III. Other non-profit organisations</i>	129	110	119	123
<i>IV. Other for-profit organisations</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3. If you have participated in clinical trials with academic institutions, what stage of clinical trials were they?				
<i>I. Phase 1</i>	No	No	Yes	Yes
<i>II. Phase 2</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>III. Phase 3</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>IV. Phase 4</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>V. Other</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

4. If you have participated in clinical trials with pharmaceutical and biotech companies, what stage of clinical trials were they?				
<i>I. Phase 1</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>II. Phase 2</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>III. Phase 3</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>IV. Phase 4</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>V. Other</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5a. How much income the trust should have received for your clinical trial participation?	*	*	*	*
5b. How much income have you received for your clinical trial participation?	*	*	*	*
5c. How much income is still owed to your trust for your clinical trial participation?	*	*	*	*

Answer: *The Trust has considered your request, however to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from multiple systems and individual records. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.