

Title

Hyaluronic Acid Dermal Fillers

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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).

Under Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. Number of cases treated in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients.*
- 2. Number of hospital admissions in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients*
- 3. Number of surgical interventions required in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients*
- 4. Total spend in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients*

The Trust is unable to respond to the above questions. The information is not held in a reportable format. The Trust does not hold any specific codes to identify any complications being due to hyaluronic acid dermal fillers.

The Freedom of information Act does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. It does not place a duty upon public authorities to answer a question unless recorded information exists. The FOIA duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

The Trust can confirm that our Trust does not hold the information that you have requested. To establish whether the information was held we conducted a thorough search and made enquiries with our Coding teams.

If the information was held by the Trust, it would have to be held by the above-mentioned department.