

New Diagnosis Figures

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Request and Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust Response

Please provide the number of new diagnoses for the years 2017, 18, 19, 20 and 2021 relating to:

1. Heart attack, heart disease or other non-congenital heart complaint.
2. Stroke
3. Thrombosis or other blood clotting disorder.
4. Paralysis (partial or complete).
5. AIDS or other immunodeficiency disease.
6. Alzheimer's disease
7. Prion disease
8. Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
9. Miscarriage
10. Birth defect
11. Aplastic anaemia

Please see the below table:

New Diagnosis	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Heart Attacks	996	997	1077	836	319
Stroke	784	735	860	643	396
Thrombosis	*<5	6	*<5	7	13
Paralysis	277	232	187	194	154
Alzheimer's disease	328	333	364	230	12
Miscarriage	309	267	248	305	502
Birth Defects	1019	1024	1128	1290	1625
Aplastic anaemia	71	64	76	78	53

Please note, the above data has been collated using admission dates rather than diagnosis dates. The Trust's legacy system does not record dates of when patients were diagnosed.

*<5 - In accordance with section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, We are unable to provide the figures for the following diseases.

- Aids

- Prion Disease
- Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease

These figures are withheld under Section 40(2) due to low patient numbers. The disclosure of which could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles.

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authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.