

Patient Deaths Awaiting Discharge

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

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

The number of patients who died whilst awaiting discharge as an inpatient at your Trust (who no longer meet the criteria to reside) in each of the following months:

- May 2021: **0 Patients**
- July 2021: **5 Patients**
- August 2021: **5 Patients**
- October 2021: **6 Patients**
- November 2021: **7 Patients**
- December 2021: **5 Patients**
- February 2022: **5 Patients**
- March 2022: **10 Patients**
- April 2022: **8 Patients**

In accordance with section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, We are unable to provide the figures for the following time periods:

- **June 2021**
- **September 2021**
- **January 2022**

We can confirm that this data is held by the Trust, however, In accordance with section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide these figures as the number of patients who died whilst awaiting discharge for the above time periods is less than five. Releasing this data could risk the identification of these patients. This would breach Caldicott principles and principle One of the GDPR.

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authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.