

Request title:  
Emergency General Surgery

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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**

1. What is the name of the hospital the following questions will relate to?

**Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – Eastern Devon Sites.**

2. How many acute inpatient beds did this hospital have for 2021?

**In 2021, the Trust had 730 acute inpatient beds. (December 2021 UCE Sitrep Total Adult and Paediatric beds open).**

3. How many emergency (unplanned) admissions did this hospital have under the acute general surgery services in 2021?

**The Trust has 4925 emergency (unplanned) admissions under the acute general surgery services in 2021.**

4. How many cases did this hospital submit to the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA) in 2021?

**Our Trust (Eastern Sites) submitted a total of 64 cases to the NELA in 2021.**

5. Which of the following organisation systems describes how emergency general surgical admissions are organised in this hospital?

**Statement B applies.**

a. Mixed general surgical take under a non-specific general surgery consultant

**b. Daily allocation of acute admissions to a general surgery subspeciality (Upper GI / Colorectal / Hepatobiliary)**

c. Dedicated Emergency General Surgery consultants / service during weekdays only (Monday to Thursday, or Monday to Friday)

d. Dedicated Emergency General Surgery consultants / service weekdays and weekend

e. Other (please state)

6. If your hospital runs a dedicated emergency general surgery service (answers c or d above), how many dedicated emergency general surgery consultants form the rota for this service?

**Not applicable, please see response to question 5.**

7. If this hospital does not already have an emergency general surgery service, does it plan to change it's service to this form in the next 5 years?

**The Trust is yet to decide on a strategic position relating to developing an emergency general surgical service.**