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Patient deaths - Planned Care & 18 Week Wait 2022

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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).

1. [The number of patients who died in 2022 while waiting to receive planned care at your trust.](#)

Northern and Eastern services combined total:

151 Patients. **Please note: These patients were on an Inpatient waiting list awaiting an elective procedure.*

*** Please also note: The cause of death of these patients is not necessarily related to the condition for which they were on a waiting list. The Trust is unable to identify the cause of death as the patient's may not have died within the Trust.*

2. [How many of those patients had been waiting for more than 18 weeks:](#)

Northern and Eastern services combined total: 75 patients.