

COVID 19 Diagnosis & Death

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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).

Dear Royal Devon & Exeter hospital (only),

- 1. How many patients were in the Royal Devon & Exeter hospital with a registered COVID 19 diagnosis during the following dates; 31st March 2020 to 31st March 2022?*

Answer: 3,060. This information represents Royal Devon's Eastern Services only for the Royal Devon & Exeter hospital, as requested.

- 2. How many of those patients as referred to above subsequently died?*

Answer: *427.

* Please note we cannot reliably identify if these patients died as a result of Covid-19, only that they had a diagnosis of Covid and have a discharge method coded 'Patient died'. Equally, patients who have deceased after discharge are unable to have their cause of death or continued Covid-19 status tracked and hence we have not included these within the above figure.