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Non-UK Surgery Complications

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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 treated by your NHS Trust from 2018 to 2023 so far (as much as recorded) for complications related to elective surgery undertaken outside the UK.

Please provide the numbers broken down year-by-year:

a) 2018

b) 2019

c) 2020

d) 2021

e) 2022

d) 2023 (to date)

If possible, please also:

2) indicate the original (outside the UK) medical treatment, and

3) the subsequent treatment the patient received in the UK, at your trust

Section 12 (1)-

The Trust has considered your request, however, the Trust does not consistently record whether a previous surgery was undertaken outside the UK . When surgical history is added in the Trust Electronic Patient Record (Epic) the record of where the operation was performed is not added, just the date: As such we would not be able to provide an accurate answer to this FOI.

Legacy pre-epic data (2018 – 2019) would involve Trust staff conducting a lengthy search in each of the individual patient notes, which would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in

determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.