

Routine Referrals

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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

I am writing to request the following information on **routine (i.e. not urgent two-week wait) referrals to secondary care** under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please answer the questions for each of these three specialties: Cardiology, Gynaecology and Neurology.

1. How many routine GP referrals were made to the department between January and December 2019?

Please note, the below numbers only include consultant referrals.

Cardiology	Gynaecology	Neurology
1486	7645	2240

2. How many of these referrals between January and December 2019 were:
 - a) Not accepted by the department
 - b) Accepted but the patient was later discharged without having had an appointment (eg, due to clinical reasons, DNAs, failed to respond – NB, no need to specify reasons)

The Trust is unable to answer this question. The detail requested is unavailable for 2019 prior to the implementation of the Trusts new Patient Administration System.

3. How many routine GP referrals were made to the department between January and December 2021?

Cardiology	Gynaecology	Neurology
3470	4976	2048

4. How many of these referrals between January and December 2021 were:
- Not accepted by the department
 - Accepted but the patient was later discharged without having had an appointment (eg, due to clinical reasons, DNAs, failed to respond – NB, no need to specify reasons)

Please note, the below numbers only include consultant referrals.

Cardiology	Gynaecology	Neurology
a) 38	a) 33	a) 30
b) The Trust is unable to breakdown the data to this extent.	b) The Trust is unable to breakdown the data to this extent.	b) The Trust is unable to breakdown the data to this extent.

5. How many appointments were delivered face to face in the following departments in 2021?

Both initial and follow-up outpatient appointments are included in both sets of figures below:

Cardiology	Gynaecology	Neurology
8813	17877	5096

6. How many appointments were delivered remotely in the following departments in 2021?

Cardiology	Gynaecology	Neurology
6237	3114	2017