

Septal Button Insertions / Replacements

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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).

Please could you let me have information on the numbers of septal button insertions and septal button replacements done annually in, say the last ten years, from and inclusive of 2014 to now.

Answer: Please see below representing septal button insertions during 01/01/2014 to 05/09/2023; note there were 'Nil' replacement of septal button procedures.

| Year | Septal Button Insertions Procedure Count |
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| 2014 | Nil |
| 2015 | Nil |
| 2016 | ≤5 |
| 2017 | ≤5 |
| 2018 | ≤5 |
| 2019 | ≤5 |
| 2020 | ≤5 |
| 2021 | 9 |
| 2022 | 10 |
| 2023 | ≤5 |

In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.