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ED - deaths due to delay

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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).

Put questions in blue

- The number of people who arrived at your Trust's Accident and Emergency Department and then subsequently died before being seen (the time taken between arriving and being triaged. I do refer to patients that arrive by ambulance as well as other means) broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far*

DISCHARGE YEAR	TOTAL Eastern service	Total Northern service
2018	Zero	*Section 40 (2)
2019	Zero	*Section 40 (2)
2020	Zero	*Section 40 (2)
2021	Zero	*Section 40 (2)
2022	Zero	zero
2023 (up to 03/12/2023)	Zero	Zero

*Section 40 (2) when stated above. The Trust can neither confirm nor deny that the information requested is held and issues a refusal notice for this request under Section 17 of the Act. The following Exemption is also applied: Section 40(2).

Any confidential Information/records for the Northern Service patients in the periods specified is not held in a reportable format. The only data held is part of a patient's medical record held within the Trust. This data would not be appropriate to be viewed nor released (if appropriate) under FOI as it is personal data and would not be lawful or transparent to patients to view their records for this purpose. As such it is exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOI Function as it is in breach of Principle 1 of the UK GDPR