

Hysterectomy Nerve Pain

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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 provide information on numbers or percentages of patients who've undergone vaginal hysterectomy and posterior (rectocele) repair surgery who are experiencing issues post-surgery with specifically nerve pain or damaged nerves because of the type of surgery undergone.

Answer: The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format, the Trust has no obligation under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to 'create' information. To provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources and systems including individual patient records, it is not expected and inappropriate for the Trust to review individual patient records to obtain/produce the information for a freedom of information request. In this instance the question/s would be exempt under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – patients personal data.