

Title: VTE & PE rates

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please could you tell me the VTE and PE rates for Royal Devon University Healthcare NHSFT by acute sites i.e. Royal Devon & Exeter and North Devon District Hospital, for each successive year 2019,2020,2021 and current year.

Answer: Please see table below representing coding with VTE or PE during the time period. Due to changes in patient administration systems and potential data quality issues we cannot provide 100% assurance of accuracy.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients/staff 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wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients/staff and should not be published.

Year	SITE	VTE	PE
2019	Northern Services	≤5	166
2020		≤5	174
2021		≤5	159
2022 to 31st Oct		31	167
2019	Eastern Services	641	946
2020		784	901
2021		632	833
2022 to 31st Oct		590	692