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Nitrous Oxide Monitoring

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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).

- Have you carried out nitrous oxide/Entonox personal sampling in your trust?
 - If so, which departments have you carried out personal sampling in? .

The Trust does not do personal sampling for N2O / Entonox. Instead we do six monthly environmental sampling in theatres and delivery rooms where N2O / Entonox is used.

- Did you find high results in any staff members?. This question is not applicable.
 - If yes:
 - How many staff members were affected?
 - What was the highest result you found?
 - Were these staff members informed?
 - What action was taken? (e.g. have you installed mobile destruction units?)
- Have you suspended the use of Entonox at your trust?

The Trust has not suspended the use of Entonox within the Trust.