

Mental Health Delayed Discharge

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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).

Dear Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we are asking you to provide the following data:

Regarding mental health patients coming into emergency departments and delays in moving them to a mental health bed or back to a place of safety.

Between 2017-18 and 2022-23

- 1. How many patients were admitted to your emergency department with a mental health condition? Can this data be broken down by day or by week?*

Answer: Please see the attached spreadsheet.

- 2. What was the longest length of stay in the emergency department? Was there a reason for the delay in discharge?*

Answer: Please see table below.

<i>Financial year</i>	<i>Longest length of stay in ED (minutes)</i>	<i>Reason for the delay in discharge</i>	<i>Comment</i>
2022-23	6365	Awaiting Bed	The speciality team/s discussed availability of beds within Devon and out of area beds, however they were either full with complex patients or the out of area beds that were identified did not accept emergency admissions and required 48-hour notice. The patient/s was managed in ED with support from the speciality teams.

- 3. How many were fit to leave but were delayed by nowhere to discharge them to? Can this be broken down by day or by week?*

Answer: The Trust is unable to provide a report for the information as requested, as the data recorded is not detailed enough to determine 'patients fit to leave but delayed due to nowhere to discharge them to'.

2017-18 Financial year		2018-19 Financial year		2019-20 Financial year		2020-21 Financial year		2022-23 Financial year	
Q1: How many patients were admitted to your emergency department with a mental health condition?		Q1: How many patients were admitted to your emergency department with a mental health condition?		Q1: How many patients were admitted to your emergency department with a mental health condition?		Q1: How many patients were admitted to your emergency department with a mental health condition?		Q1: How many patients were admitted to your emergency department with a mental health condition?	
TOTAL: 3947		TOTAL: 4042		TOTAL: 4335		TOTAL: 3045		TOTAL: 2600	
Week Commencing	Count of Patients	Week Commencing	Count of Patients	Week Commencing	Count of Patients	Week Commencing	Count of Patients	Week Commencing	Count of Patients
27/03/2017	28	26/03/2018	12	01/04/2019	67	30/03/2020	23	28/03/2022	24
03/04/2017	69	02/04/2018	73	08/04/2019	63	06/04/2020	29	04/04/2022	70
10/04/2017	75	09/04/2018	70	15/04/2019	87	13/04/2020	38	11/04/2022	69
17/04/2017	74	16/04/2018	74	22/04/2019	100	20/04/2020	44	18/04/2022	51
24/04/2017	64	23/04/2018	68	29/04/2019	75	27/04/2020	48	25/04/2022	70
01/05/2017	76	30/04/2018	68	06/05/2019	77	04/05/2020	53	02/05/2022	72
08/05/2017	81	07/05/2018	66	13/05/2019	86	11/05/2020	47	09/05/2022	75
15/05/2017	70	14/05/2018	88	20/05/2019	95	18/05/2020	53	16/05/2022	55
22/05/2017	68	21/05/2018	82	27/05/2019	94	25/05/2020	68	23/05/2022	62
29/05/2017	80	28/05/2018	100	03/06/2019	87	01/06/2020	58	30/05/2022	60
05/06/2017	65	04/06/2018	80	10/06/2019	91	08/06/2020	71	06/06/2022	80
12/06/2017	68	11/06/2018	82	17/06/2019	90	15/06/2020	62	13/06/2022	68
19/06/2017	75	18/06/2018	82	24/06/2019	85	22/06/2020	84	20/06/2022	67
26/06/2017	73	25/06/2018	70	01/07/2019	63	29/06/2020	70	27/06/2022	65
03/07/2017	80	02/07/2018	95	08/07/2019	89	06/07/2020	78	04/07/2022	43
10/07/2017	75	09/07/2018	85	15/07/2019	93	13/07/2020	81	11/07/2022	42
17/07/2017	80	16/07/2018	79	22/07/2019	95	20/07/2020	71	18/07/2022	47
24/07/2017	79	23/07/2018	95	29/07/2019	71	27/07/2020	75	25/07/2022	44
31/07/2017	82	30/07/2018	74	05/08/2019	91	03/08/2020	69	01/08/2022	39
07/08/2017	57	06/08/2018	73	12/08/2019	78	10/08/2020	84	08/08/2022	51
14/08/2017	65	13/08/2018	93	19/08/2019	58	17/08/2020	80	15/08/2022	52
21/08/2017	74	20/08/2018	71	26/08/2019	75	24/08/2020	75	22/08/2022	44
28/08/2017	91	27/08/2018	63	02/09/2019	101	31/08/2020	58	29/08/2022	50
04/09/2017	107	03/09/2018	77	09/09/2019	86	07/09/2020	66	05/09/2022	44
11/09/2017	87	10/09/2018	76	16/09/2019	77	14/09/2020	69	12/09/2022	44
18/09/2017	75	17/09/2018	77	23/09/2019	91	21/09/2020	67	19/09/2022	39
25/09/2017	76	24/09/2018	68	30/09/2019	94	28/09/2020	57	26/09/2022	36
02/10/2017	85	01/10/2018	70	07/10/2019	101	05/10/2020	61	03/10/2022	31
09/10/2017	75	08/10/2018	76	14/10/2019	105	12/10/2020	60	10/10/2022	56
16/10/2017	75	15/10/2018	79	21/10/2019	94	19/10/2020	54	17/10/2022	42
23/10/2017	93	22/10/2018	99	28/10/2019	79	26/10/2020	50	24/10/2022	54
30/10/2017	60	29/10/2018	64	04/11/2019	86	02/11/2020	53	31/10/2022	46
06/11/2017	80	05/11/2018	87	11/11/2019	99	09/11/2020	57	07/11/2022	51
13/11/2017	67	12/11/2018	85	18/11/2019	92	16/11/2020	49	14/11/2022	58
20/11/2017	66	19/11/2018	83	25/11/2019	85	23/11/2020	53	21/11/2022	33
27/11/2017	66	26/11/2018	57	02/12/2019	74	30/11/2020	46	28/11/2022	48
04/12/2017	71	03/12/2018	86	09/12/2019	85	07/12/2020	37	05/12/2022	36
11/12/2017	58	10/12/2018	86	16/12/2019	69	14/12/2020	43	12/12/2022	33
18/12/2017	58	17/12/2018	80	23/12/2019	79	21/12/2020	44	19/12/2022	35
25/12/2017	73	24/12/2018	61	30/12/2019	88	28/12/2020	67	26/12/2022	39
01/01/2018	80	31/12/2018	74	06/01/2020	72	04/01/2021	64	02/01/2023	39
08/01/2018	78	07/01/2019	62	13/01/2020	84	11/01/2021	42	09/01/2023	38
15/01/2018	79	14/01/2019	70	20/01/2020	103	18/01/2021	38	16/01/2023	39
22/01/2018	86	21/01/2019	94	27/01/2020	96	25/01/2021	63	23/01/2023	47
29/01/2018	79	28/01/2019	73	03/02/2020	86	01/02/2021	42	30/01/2023	54
05/02/2018	62	04/02/2019	86	10/02/2020	68	08/02/2021	49	06/02/2023	48
12/02/2018	82	11/02/2019	82	17/02/2020	87	15/02/2021	57	13/02/2023	43
19/02/2018	83	18/02/2019	79	24/02/2020	94	22/02/2021	58	20/02/2023	52
26/02/2018	65	25/02/2019	79	02/03/2020	87	01/03/2021	68	27/02/2023	36
05/03/2018	91	04/03/2019	70	09/03/2020	77	08/03/2021	49	06/03/2023	52
12/03/2018	89	11/03/2019	69	16/03/2020	49	15/03/2021	65	13/03/2023	39
19/03/2018	85	18/03/2019	70	23/03/2020	28	22/03/2021	70	20/03/2023	52
26/03/2018	67	25/03/2019	80	30/03/2020	9	29/03/2021	28	27/03/2023	36
Grand Total	3947	Grand Total	4042	Grand Total	4335	Grand Total	3045	Grand Total	2600