

## Prostate cancer and Brachytherapy

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

### **Request and Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust Response**

I'd like to request data of the following for the last 5 years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, however if this exceeds the FOI time limit please provide the data for 2021 only:

1) How many people were diagnosed with prostate cancer within your trust?

**2017: 391 diagnosed at RDE**  
**2018: 523 diagnosed at RDE**  
**2019: 440 diagnosed at RDE**  
**2020: \*404**  
**2021: \*494**

**\*Please note - the usual diagnosis caveats apply. Clinicians are required to enter the date of diagnosis, not the date entered onto system. The Trust currently has no way to identify that the diagnosis occurred at the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust.**

2) How many people that were diagnosed with prostate cancer had Brachytherapy?

**2017: 65 treated with brachytherapy**  
**2018: 86 treated with brachytherapy**  
**2019: 96 treated with brachytherapy**  
**2020: 57 treated with brachytherapy**  
**2021: 54 treated with brachytherapy**

3) What is the average cost of undergoing Brachytherapy?

**2016-17 Average cost of brachytherapy: £1,708**  
**2017-18 Average cost of brachytherapy: £1,715**  
**2018-19 Average cost of brachytherapy: £1,717**  
**2019-20 Average cost of brachytherapy: The Trust does not hold the requested data for this time period.**  
**2020-21 Average cost of brachytherapy: £704**

