

## Sepsis Screening

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

*I am writing to request the following information from your NHS trust:*

*Performance data against the following two metrics, for the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23:*

- Proportion of service users presenting as emergency admissions who undergo sepsis screening and who, where screening is positive, receive IV antibiotic treatment within one hour of diagnosis*
- Proportion of service user inpatients who undergo sepsis screening and who, where screening is positive, receive IV antibiotic treatment within one hour of diagnosis*

*Please provide the performance data by:*

- 1) proportion of service users presenting as emergency admissions who undergo sepsis screening*
- 2) the proportion of those patients who, where screening is positive receive IV antibiotic treatment within one hour of diagnosis*
- 3) the proportion of service user inpatients who undergo sepsis screening and*
- 4) the proportion of those patients who, where screening is positive receive IV antibiotic treatment within one hour of diagnosis.*

Answer: The Trust has considered your request, however to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources as the Trust does not hold the information in the format requested in a reportable format. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.