

Post-Mortem Examinations

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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).

For the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022:

- How many post-mortem examinations were performed?

Year	Northern Services	Eastern Services
2019	327	577
2020	338	533
2021	314	607
2022	331	601

- What was the average number of days between the time of death and the release of the body after a post-mortem examination?

Year	Northern Services	Eastern Services
2019	12	13
2020	13	15
2021	13	13
2022	18	18

- How many pathologists worked in the trust (in WTE)?

Year	Northern Services	Eastern Services
2019	2	5
2020	2	5
2021	2	5
2022	2	5