

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 30th June 2025

FOI Ref No 29365

Requested Information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information regarding the use of larval therapy (maggot therapy) within your Trust:

1. The **total number of larval therapy treatments** administered by your Trust for each year from **January 1st, 2020 through December 31st, 2024** (or most recent full year available).
2. The **total annual spend** by your Trust on larval therapy products/treatments for each of the above years.
3. If available, the **clinical settings** in which larval therapy is most commonly used (e.g., inpatient wards, community nursing, outpatient clinics).

Please provide this information in a tabular format if possible.

Response:

1. The **total number of larval therapy treatments** administered by Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust for each year from **January 1st, 2020 through December 31st, 2024** are as follows. This is the number of separate administration or TTA records on the Trust's ePMA system:

2020	17
2021	46
2022	55
2023	41
2024	13

The numbers of inpatient spells where larval therapy was specified as a procedure are as follows (dates by discharge date):

Year	Total Number of Procedures	Larvae debridement therapy of skin of head or neck	Larvae debridement therapy of skin NEC	Other specified larvae therapy of skin	Unspecified larvae therapy of skin
2020	6	0	6	0	0
2021	11	0	11	0	0
2022	9	1	8	0	0
2023	12	0	12	0	0
2024	7	0	6	0	1

2. The **total annual spend** by Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust on larval therapy products/treatments for each of the above years.

2020	£6,896
2021	£10,162
2022	£8,954
2023	£18,077
2024	£8,736

3. If available, the **clinical settings** in which larval therapy is most commonly used (e.g., inpatient wards, community nursing, outpatient clinics).

Larval therapy is most commonly used in an inpatient ward.

Attachment(s):

No Attachment(s)

Date Response sent: 14th July 2025