

Freedom of Information Request - FOI2024/085

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

I am emailing under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding virtual wards:

Question 1:

- a) Do you currently use virtual wards? (Y/N)
- b) If yes,
 - i. Can you please specify how many virtual wards beds you have and the provider by specialty (Cancer care, respiratory care, cardiology care, diabetes care, stroke care, renal care, pre/post-operative care services, other)?
 - ii. How many patients have been admitted in virtual wards, per specialty, for the Financial Years (FY) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024YTD (Year to Date)?
 - iii. What are the **values** of the contracts you have in place split by specialty and provider?
 - iv. What are the **durations** of the contracts you have in place split by specialty and provider?
- c) If no,
 - i. If you are not currently using virtual wards, are you planning on using them in the future?
 - ii. For which specialties are you planning on using them?
 - iii. When would you start?

I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

- a) Yes
- b) If yes,
 - i. Respiratory, in-house provider
 - ii.
2019 – 0, 2019 – 154, 2020 – 260, 2021 – 12, 2022 – 370, 2023 – 1028, 2024 - 653
 - iii. N/A, In-house
 - iv. N/A, In-house
- c) If no,
 - i. N/A
 - ii. N/A
 - iii. N/A

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer