

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-191

29 March 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

Do you have a Virtual Ward? Yes

If yes,

o For what specialities and care pathway have you implemented Virtual Wards?

We currently have six pathways across the Integrated Care Board (ICB) - Heart failure, OPAT (Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Therapy), Generic, frailty and respiratory, Hospital at Home (this is North Bristol NHS Trust only, inpatient surgical early supported discharge) please contact North Bristol NHS Trust, foi@nbt.nhs.uk for further information.

o How many Virtual Ward beds do you have?

This depends on the acuity of the patients.

Do you know how many Virtual Ward beds you need? If so, how many?

The ambition is to implement NHS England (NHSE) guidelines of 40-50 per 100,000 population

o Who is your Virtual ward provider(s)?

Virtual ward provision in Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) is collaboratively staffed by University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust, North Bristol NHS Trust and Sirona CIC.

If no,

o Do you intend to implement a Virtual Ward?

Not applicable.

o If yes, have you identified and engaged a Virtual Ward provider?

Not applicable.

o Do you know how many Virtual Ward beds you need? If so, how many?

The ambition is to implement NHS England (NHSE) guidelines of 40-50 per 100,000 population.

Do you have an internal Virtual Ward lead?

Business Improvement Manager.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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