

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-539

9 July 2024

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

1) Does your trust use virtual wards for any maternity/obstetrics patients? If no please go to the last question (question 2).

No

a) Is this provided internally (i.e. Trust versus private outsource), If outsourced which provider is responsible for delivering the virtual ward.

b) How long have you been providing or had provision for this virtual ward (months)?

c) If yes what obstetric/early pregnancy conditions do you currently use the virtual ward for:

- Pre-eclampsia
- Preterm prelabour rupture of membranes
- Obstetric Cholestasis
- Outpatient management of miscarriage
- Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
- Hyperemesis gravidarum
- Other please specify:

d) Which diagnostic/monitoring tests do you provide as part of this service:

- Pulse
- Temperature
- Blood pressure
- Pulse Oximetry
- Blood tests (if so what tests and modality i.e. Point of care)
- Urinalysis
- Symptom questionnaire

- Fetal monitoring
- IV fluids
- IV medications
- Oral Medications

e) Which categories of medications are administered :

- Antihypertensives
- Antiemetics
- Analgesia
- Other please specify:
- None

f) What is the maximum frequency of monitoring provided?

g) On average how many times a day will monitoring occur?

h) Are abnormal results reviewed by the treating team or the virtual ward provider?

i) Is there a time limit of how long patients can stay within the virtual ward e.g. two weeks. If yes how long is the duration?

j) How is the virtual ward funded?

2) If you currently do not provide a virtual ward for maternity/obstetrics patients do you have plans to implement them and if so when is this expected to go live?

No, not applicable

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
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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

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Yours sincerely

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