

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-037**

10 February 2025

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 hold some of the information you are requesting

**Virtual wards**

- **The total number of virtual ward beds you had open as of 15 January 2025**
- **The total number of VW beds, broken down by the different specialties served by those virtual wards**

We do not hold this information. Please contact Sirona Care and Health at [sirona.dataprotection@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.dataprotection@nhs.net) for further information.

- **The beds occupancy rate as of 15 January 2025, broken down by specialty**

Bristol Adult Beds Open: 555

\*Bristol Adult Beds Occupied: 572

Paediatric Beds Open: 142

Paediatric Beds Occupied: 123

Weston Beds Open: 274

Weston Beds Occupied: 265

Please note that we do not record bed base assigned to individual specialties.

\*Where 'Beds Occupied' has exceeded 'Beds Open' planned additional beds are used to support safe care in clinically appropriate environments, such as wards, clinic and procedure rooms and the discharge lounge.

**Patient initiated follow-up**

- **A list of the specialties for which you offer patient initiated follow-up**

Physiology
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Physiotherapy
Podiatry
Primary Care Unit
Prosthetics
Radiotherapy Treatments
Reproductive Medicine
Research Paediatric Respiratory
Respiratory Lung Function Testing
Respiratory Medicine
Respiratory Physiology
Restorative Dentistry
Rheumatology
Sleep Study
Special Care Dentistry
Speech and Language Therapy
Colorectal Surgery
Ophthalmology
Spinal Surgery Service
Trauma & Orthopaedics
Stoma Care Nurse
Stroke and General Medicine
Stroke Medicine
Thoracic Surgery
Transient Ischaemic Attack
Trauma & Ortho Surgery
Upper GI Surgery
Urology
Urology and Oncology
Vascular Science
Vascular Surgery
Virtual Nodule Respiratory
Ward Liaison Psychiatry
Women's Psychological Health

- **The proportion of outpatient attendances discharged to PIFU pathways, as of 15 January 2025 (or the most recent data point – please specify the date if different from 15/1/25).**

8.1%

- **The names of each technology supplier and the product used by the trust to run its PIFU pathways**

Careflow EPR

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  
BS1 3NU

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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