

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Tuesday 7th May 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

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?

Establish a firm evidence base for the effectiveness of the virtual ward such that ongoing funding can be secured from April 2025 (through JLT prioritisation of growth in commissioner funding and/or through disinvestment in services elsewhere).

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?

Please see attached document.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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