

Remote Monitoring / Virtual Wards

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

1. Does your organisation use remote monitoring tools to help patients to manage their health and care at home? **Yes**

2. Has your organisation extended the use of remote monitoring to utilise solutions to proactively manage the next steps of care for patients being treated in the home such as using a task management system /virtual ward*? **Yes**

3. If yes, does the organisation use any suppliers to support the process of providing virtual wards? **No**

a. Please state the name of the supplier/supplier's. **N/A**

b. Please provide the annual cost for the above supplier contract for the financial year 20/21 to 21/22 (April 2021- March 2022) **N/A**

4. Does the organisation have a dedicated in-house virtual ward team? **Yes**

a. If yes, is this made up of existing resource or additional capacity? **Additional capacity**

5. Could you please provide the name and job title of the person who is responsible for the management of virtual wards? **Under Section 40(2) Freedom of Information Act 2000, The Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust only releases the names of the Heads of departments under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Personal Information (where disclosure may contravene the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018). This is an Absolute Exemption and therefore does not require a Public Interest test.**

6. Please complete the table for each of the specialities listed:

Speciality	What specialties are Virtual Wards currently implemented in? (tick for yes)	If yes, How many virtual "beds" are currently operating in total and in each speciality?	Please state the number of beds the organisation has in total and for each speciality?
Total			
Mental Health			
Cardiology			

Dermatology			
Diabetes			
Endocrinology			
Gastroenterology			
Geriatric Medicine			
Gynaecology			
Hepatology			
Neurology			
Oncology			
Ophthalmology			
Palliative medicine			
Paediatrics services			
Physiotherapy			
Rehabilitation			
Renal medicine			
Respiratory			
Rheumatology			
Colorectal surgery			
Breast Surgery Service			
Ear, Nose and Throat			
General Surgery			
Orthopaedics and Trauma			
Orthoptics			
Pain management			
Plastic surgery			
Thoracic medicine			
Urology			
Vascular surgery			
Audiology Service			
Other- Please state which			

*Virtual wards allow patients to be treated in their own homes rather than in hospital. In a virtual ward, support can include remote monitoring apps, technology platforms wearables and medical devices and face to face care from multi-disciplinary teams based in the community

The Trust does not hold the information requested. The Trust's virtual ward runs as a non-condition specific virtual ward and therefore does not work as a specialty specific bed allocation. There are currently 50 virtual beds. The Trust does not record bed allocation as specialty specific.