

Title: **Virtual Wards**

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

Dear Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust,

1. Do you have a Virtual Ward?

Answer: Yes.

2. If yes,

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

Answer: Respiratory, cardiology, acute medicine, general medicine, nephrology, healthcare for older people - tachyarrhythmias, palpitations, syncope, OPAT, COVID19, heart failure, acute coronary syndrome, acute kidney injury, acute respiratory infection, frailty.

b. How many Virtual Ward beds do you have?

Answer: 55.

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

Answer: 100.

d. Who is your Virtual ward provider(s)?

Answer: Royal Devon is the virtual ward provider using the Trust's Electronic Health Record (EHR) system EPIC.

3. If no,

a) Do you intend to implement a Virtual Ward?

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

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

d) Do you have an internal Virtual Ward lead?

Answer: Not applicable.