



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-242

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th July 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Virtual wards

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 We would like to get the following data relating to virtual wards providers within your Trust (please see the Excel template attached):**

1. **Do you use virtual wards in your Trust? (Y/N)**
  - a. **If not, are you planning on using them in the future?**
2. **Please provide the total number of virtual ward bed capacity by specialty (respiratory care, oncology care, cardiology care, diabetes care, neurological care, renal care, pre/post operative care services, other – please specify)**
3. **Please provide a list of virtual ward providers used in your Trust, as well as the following for each provider:**
  - a. **Total contract value, split by the following:**
    - i. **Technology component**
    - ii. **Staffing component**
    - iii. **Others – please specify**
  - b. **Start and end date**
  - c. **For 2024, the number of virtual ward bed capacity provided by speciality (respiratory care, oncology care, cardiology care, diabetes care, neurological care, renal care, pre/post operative care services, other – please specify)**

**Please make use of the Excel template we have attached for you to simplify the fill in process and standardise the information.**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:  
<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/> FOI ref 098-245 May 2024 FoI ref 067-2425  
April 2024

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours,



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