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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Virtual Wards

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

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1. Do you currently use virtual wards?	Yes																																																																																																																
2. 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)?	10 frailty 12 therapy 10 stroke 5 respiratory 3 pain 30 OPAT																																																																																																																
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4. What are the values of the contracts you have in place split by specialty and provider?	Budget £1.3m* for 2023/24. We do not have a split by specialty. * Came under budget by using our own consultants without charge.																																																																																																																
5. What are the durations of the contracts you have in place split by specialty and provider?	There is no agreed contract for the year 24/25 as yet however service provision continues																																																																																																																
6. If you are not currently using virtual wards, are you planning on using them in the future?	N/A																																																																																																																

7. For which specialties are you planning on using them?	N/A
8. When would you start?	N/A

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, 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: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

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