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INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2022/294

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

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

- No

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*?

- No

3. If yes, does the organisation use any suppliers to support the process of providing virtual wards?
a. Please state the name of the supplier/supplier's.
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?

- Both

5. Could you please provide the name and job title of the person who is responsible for the management of virtual wards?

- General Manager of the Medical Division - In accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office guidance on disclosure of data about employees, I consider the name and contact details of staff who are not at a high level of seniority to constitute their personal data, as defined by the UK General Data Protection Regulations. As such, this information is refused under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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			N/A
Cardiology			40

Glen Burley, Chief Executive
 Russell Hardy, Chairman

Dermatology			N/A
Diabetes			N/A
Endocrinology			N/A
Gastroenterology			N/A
Geriatric Medicine			71
Gynaecology			N/A
Hepatology			N/A
Neurology			N/A
Oncology			N/A
Ophthalmology			N/A
Palliative medicine			N/A
Paediatrics services			41
Physiotherapy			N/A
Rehabilitation			N/A
Renal medicine			N/A
Respiratory	Yes	20	29
Rheumatology			N/A
Colorectal surgery			N/A
Breast Surgery Service			N/A
Ear, Nose and Throat			N/A
General Surgery			42
Orthopaedics and Trauma			34
Orthoptics			N/A
Pain management			N/A
Plastic surgery			N/A
Thoracic medicine			N/A
Urology			N/A
Vascular surgery			26
Audiology Service			N/A
Other- Please state which			Gen Med – 99 Obs&Gynae - 28

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

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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