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From: Commercial
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Subject: status of tech-enabled virtual wards within your Trust.

This FOI request applies to any virtual ward setting your Trust may be in the process of establishing. Where there is reference to frailty virtual wards, this refers to any patient that may be considered frail (due to a variety of conditions) and therefore would be considered suitable for such a pathway. This therefore includes children.

Q1 Name of Trust

A1 Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust

Q2 Has your Trust published its plans for the rollout of tech-enabled virtual wards? Does this include plans for frailty?

A2 Yes, we have a plan to develop a virtual ward which was contained within our operational plan 2022-23 which was published in our Trust Board papers. This does not include plans for frailty.

Q3 Has your Trust identified a tech provider/ supplier for the delivery of a frailty virtual ward? If so, who?

A3 No

Q4 Do you have phased targets between now (May 2022) and December 2023 to ensure you reach the national ambition of 40-50 per 100,000? If so, what are they?

A4 The phasing is still being worked on.

Q5 What is your Trust's current average length of time between being deemed medically fit for discharge and discharge occurring for patients aged 65 and over? –

A5 Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's hospital and does not provide treatment for patients aged 65 and over

Q6 What assessment, if any, have you made of the cost savings of utilising tech-enabled virtual wards for frailty?

A6 Information not held – we are not planning a frailty virtual ward.

Q7 Who is the clinical lead for your frailty virtual ward?

A7 Information not held – we do not have and are not planning a frailty virtual ward.

Q8 Does your Trust expect to recruit additional roles to support the delivery of tech-enabled virtual wards within the next 12 months? If so, what are they?

A8 No

Q9 How do you plan to integrate with social care and local authorities for the delivery of frailty virtual wards?

A9 No