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Commercial

28 January 2025

Numbr and contract details of virtual wards

- Q1

The number of virtual ward supplier contracts active in the trust,
- A1

Information not held - Alder Hey virtual ward is run totally in house
- Q2

The name of the supplier
- A2

Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust
- Q3

The length of contract and termination/renewal date of the contracts
- A3

Information not held - no contract in place
- Q4

The award value if publicly available
- A4

Information not held - no contract in place
- Q5

The number of Virtual Ward Beds Contracted and Target

The NHS has targets based upon populations served of the number of virtual beds to be available, these require technology solutions for their implementation and those are contracted on a by bed, service or pathway basis. I'm interested in whether the target number virtual ward beds are in place, in what pathways and when do the current contracts end.

- A5

20 beds
- Q6

The number of virtual ward patients admitted and discharged against the individual contracts from January 1st 2024 to July 1st 2024, broken down by clinical specialty.

A6

Row Labels	Count of Account Number
Ambulatory	16
Anaesthetics	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
Cardiac	20
Community Nursing Team	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
Community Paediatrics	
Dermatology	
Diabetic	

Emergency Department	105
Endocrinology	10
Ear Nose & Throat	6
Gastroenterology	24
Haematology	18
Neonatal	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
Nephrology	6
Neurology	10
Neurosurgery	6
Oncology	34
Orthotics	25
Paediatrics	204
Paediatric Surgery	25
Plastics	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
Paediatric Metabolic Disease	
Radiology	
Respiratory	22
Rheumatology	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
Spinal	10
Treatment	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.
Urology	
Grand Total	572

Q7 Information on the type of monitoring specified (Intermittent/Continuous)

A7 Intermittent monitoring is provided, not currently utilising any continuous monitoring technology.

The Trust is unable to respond to all or specific elements of your request where the response would indicate five or less individuals. The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 to reduce the risk of any individuals being identified. The Trust is of the view that disclosure of such information would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified and as such would constitute a breach of their personal data.

The Trust has applied exemption Section 40(2) of the FOIA and is therefore withholding the information as disclosure which may identify an individual would breach their rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. The grounds for application of this exemption include:

- Any data relating to patients or staff is third party data, furthermore health data is classified as sensitive personal data within the Data Protection Act 2018. As such, Section 40 (2) of the FOIA applies along with the Trusts duty of confidentiality. Therefore under s.2 (3) (f) (ii) of the FOIA, there is an absolute

exemption from disclosure on the grounds that it would contravene the First Data Protection Principle.

- The Trust has a duty under the Data Protection Act 2018 and specifically the First Data Protection Principle to ensure personal data regarding staff and patients is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of such data which may identify an individual, either through the data alone or other data in conjunction with that data which may identify an individual would therefore breach this principle.
- The Data Protection Act 2018 defines sensitive personal data to include data relating to the “physical or mental health or condition” of a person. Any such information about specific individuals falls within this category and disclosure of such data including statistical data, with any potential likelihood of identification would breach the Data Protection Act 2018.