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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, in line with transparency and confidentiality obligations in contracts and outsourced services, I request the following contact(s) information held by Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, subject to FOIA.

1. Technology-enabled virtual wards remote monitoring services contract(s):

- A. Is there a single remote monitoring services provider across all Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust technology-enabled virtual wards, or are there multiple providers? **No**
- B. Who is/are the contracted remote monitoring services provider(s) for technology-enabled virtual wards?
- C. Does the contract(s) cover only licenses or telehealth equipment/kit, logistics services, etc, if so, which ones are included?
- D. What is a contract(s) Value (£)?
- E. What is the contract(s) Start Date?
- F. What is the contract(s) Length (in months, years, please specify the term)?

2. If there is no contract(s) in place, but technology-enabled virtual wards remote monitoring services are/were provided as a pilot programme, please provide the information:

- A. Is/was this pilot funded through the South Yorkshire ICB, or is/was the funding allocated directly through Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust or any collaboratives, if so, which one?

DBTH partnered with colleagues from both South Yorkshire ICB and Nottinghamshire ICB to collaboratively submit our Virtual Ward offer. The funding was not directly awarded to DBTH, it cascaded through the ICB route.

- B. Who is/was the selected remote monitoring services provided for this pilot?
- C. What is/was the pilot Value (£)? **Commercially sensitive**
- D. What is/was the pilot Start Date?
- E. What is/was the pilot Length (in months, years, please specify the term)?

3. If there is a technology-enabled virtual ward remote monitoring service contract(s), but exemptions in FOIA protect the information due to the organisation entering a contract with a third-party contractor with confidentiality clauses (or on an expressly confidential basis).

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In that case, this shouldn't prevent disclosure under transparency obligations, for example, to publish spend data, so please provide the following information:

- A. What is the Value (£) spent on remote monitoring for virtual wards?
- B. What is the spent term monthly, quarterly, or annual? **Commercially sensitive**

Definitions:

- Virtual ward technology-enabled offers the management of patients via a digital platform to optimise the care of patients, support communication and enable the effective management of a patient's condition. Patients may measure agreed vital signs where relevant and enter data into an app or website.
- Telehealth equipment/kit includes smart devices, digital platforms, apps, and devices designed to help remotely monitor people who live at home.