

Our Ref: 321
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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am emailing under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding virtual wards:

Question 1:

- a) Do you currently use virtual wards? (Y/N)

YES

- b) If yes,

i. 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)?

See spreadsheet

ii. How many patients have been admitted in virtual wards, per specialty, for the Financial Years (FY) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024YTD (Year to Date)?

See spreadsheet

iii. What are the **values** of the contracts you have in place split by specialty and provider?

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iv. What are the **durations** of the contracts you have in place split by specialty and provider?

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- c) If no,

i. If you are not currently using virtual wards, are you planning on using them in the future? **N/A**

ii. For which specialties are you planning on using them?

iii. When would you start?

To assist, I have **attached** an **Excel template** to simplify the fill in process and standardise the information.