

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.034
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Thank you for your email received 9 May 2022 requesting information regarding virtual wards.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

Please provide me with the attached information about the status of tech-enabled virtual wards within your Trust.

Please see completed spreadsheet attached.

Chair John Goulston Acting Chief Executive Gordon Flack

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PLEASE FILL OUT THE BELOW FORM FOR YOUR TRUST

	Q1:	Q2:	Q3:	Q4:	Q5:	Q6:	Q7:	Q8:
Name of Trust	Has your Trust published its plans for the rollout of tech-enabled virtual wards? Does this include plans for frailty?	Has your Trust identified a tech provider/ supplier for the delivery of a frailty virtual ward? If so, who?	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?	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?	What assessment, if any, have you made of the cost savings of utilising tech-enabled virtual wards for frailty?	Who is the clinical lead for your frailty virtual ward?	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?	How do you plan to integrate with social care and local authorities for the delivery of frailty virtual wards?
KCHFT	Planning underway in preparation for the submission to the ICS for 27th May 2022. Not yet published but does include a plan to provide technology enabled support to people living with frailty as clinically indicated.	Not yet confirmed.	Yes	Unfortunately we are not able to answer this question as recently the data has all been manually pulled rather than coming from our electronic system, so tracking any patient and then the time between MFFD and discharge would not be possible	Ongoing planning and modelling in progress.	It is Trust policy to not release names and contact details of staff below Executive Director Level as this constitutes personal information, however the Executive Director with overall responsibility for this is Pauline Butterworth - Chief Operating Officer	Yes exploring roles to support on patients and staff to set up and use equipment - part of planning process not yet confirmed workforce numbers.	Yes part of planning process, model not yet confirmed.