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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2737-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 14 December 2022.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold part of the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding the provision of virtual ward care within your ICS. We would like to get the following data on the contracts your ICB has with independent providers :

- Do you use virtual wards in your trusts? (Y/N)
- If you are not currently using virtual wards, are you planning on using them in the future?
- How many virtual ward beds do you have?
- Can you please specify how many virtual wards you have by speciality (respiratory care, cardiology care, diabetes care, stroke care, renal care, pre/post operative care services, other)?
- How many patients have been admitted in virtual wards in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022?
- Which virtual ward software providers do you work with?
- Do you have the values and durations of the contracts with the virtual ward software providers for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022?

Please refer to the attached document for the information you require.

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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