

FOI_0733_2022-23 – FOI Request Concerning – Tech-Enabled Virtual Wards

1. Name of Trust?

Solent NHS Trust

2. Has your Trust published its plans for the rollout of tech-enabled virtual wards? Does this include plans for frailty?

No, implementation plans are currently awaiting sign-off from ICS.

3. Has your Trust identified a tech provider/ supplier for the delivery of a frailty virtual ward? If so, who?

No

4. 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?

Trajectories are currently under discussion with ICS, awaiting approval and agreement of required bed numbers per population and supporting financial investment to support.

5. 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?

Solent does not hold this information therefore this question is not applicable.

6. What assessment, if any, have you made of the cost savings of utilising tech-enabled virtual wards for frailty?

Currently in scoping / horizon scanning phase.

7. Who is the clinical lead for your frailty virtual ward?

Hayden Kirk is the Clinical Director holding the organisation oversight with regards to clinical leadership for the VW development.

8. 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?

Yes (awaiting approval as part of implementation plan)

9. How do you plan to integrate with social care and local authorities for the delivery of frailty virtual wards?

The virtual ward provision is part of established integrated services, with local authorities.