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24<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Our ref: FOI RFI 010659

Your ref: email received 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Rianna

### Freedom of Information Request

Further to your email dated and received by the Trust on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, our response to your request is as follows (highlighted in blue):

Do you have a Virtual Ward?

If yes,

- For what specialities and care pathway have you implemented Virtual Wards?

[We currently have a Frailty Virtual Ward.](#)

[We are in development around other pathways including respiratory and heart failure.](#)

- How many Virtual Ward beds do you have?

[10 open now moving to 30 shortly.](#)

- Do you know how many Virtual Ward beds you need? If so, how many?

[Our national NHSE trajectory has 130 beds across a range of pathways including hospital at home and tech enabled.](#)

- Who is your Virtual ward provider(s)?

[We are a combined acute and community trust and are currently providing our own wards.](#)

[In terms of technical partners, we are part of South Yorkshire approach.](#)

If no,

- Do you intend to implement a Virtual Ward?

- If yes, have you identified and engaged a Virtual Ward provider?

- Do you know how many Virtual Ward beds you need? If so, how many?

- Do you have an internal Virtual Ward lead?

This completes the Trust response to your request, but please note:



**Your rights**

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you may ask for an internal review in accordance with Section VI Complaints Procedures of the Section 45 Code of Practice of the Freedom of Information Act 2000: and in accordance with Appendix E of the Trust's Code of Practice for Responding to Requests for Information (v 7.0 dated 29/07/19).

If you wish to complain you should contact:

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Department for Information Governance, Caldicott & SIRO Support  
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
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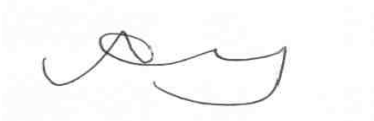
If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Amy Cooper', written on a light blue background.

Amy Cooper  
Information Governance Officer