

### Freedom of Information Request

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**Information Requested:**

1. Has your Trust published its plans for the rollout of tech-enabled virtual wards? Does this include plans for frailty?  
Yes and includes frailty
2. Has your Trust identified a tech provider/ supplier for the delivery of a frailty virtual ward? If so, who?  
Current service provided by Doccla – contract until 31.12.22 then will be a wider HWE ICS procurement
3. 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?  
Yes

Capacity for Virtual Hospital for West Essex (adults in the service at any one time)												
Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Dec 23
55	58	60	63	65	68	70	73	75	81	88	94	120

4. 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?  
Community Hospital Beds = 48-72hrs avg. length of time
5. What assessment, if any, have you made of the cost savings of utilising tech-enabled virtual wards for frailty?  
This is currently under review therefore we are unable to confirm at this stage.
6. Who is the clinical lead for your frailty virtual ward?  
This is currently under review therefore we are unable to confirm at this stage.
7. 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?  
The Workforce model is currently under review therefore we are unable to confirm at this stage.
8. How do you plan to integrate with social care and local authorities for the delivery of frailty virtual wards?  
Establishment of West Essex Virtual Hospital Steering Group represented by all system partners. Participation in workshops with all partners to co-produce health/care models of care.

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