

**Reference Number:** FOI202425/308  
**From:** Commercial  
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**Subject:** Tech enabled virtual wards

Q1 What is the current reported virtual ward beds capacity?

A1 30 beds (West Lancs 15)

Q2 Out of this capacity what number/percentage are enabled for remote patient monitoring?

A2 100% are enabled for remote patient monitoring.

Q3 What is the current utilisation percentage specifically for the virtual ward beds that are enabled for remote patient monitoring (rather the overall utilisation including used for face-to-face consultations)?

A3 33%

Q4 Does the utilisation of the remote patient monitoring-enabled virtual ward beds fluctuate over time? If so, could you provide an average percentage or a breakdown of utilisation across different time periods?

Yes

A4

2024	St Helens and Knowsley / Mersey and West Lancashire Acute Respiratory Infection Virtual Ward Bed Capacity	West Lancashire Acute Respiratory Infection Virtual Ward Bed Capacity
January	40	15
February	40	15
March	40	15
April	30	15
May	30	15
June	20	15
July	20	15
August	20	15
September	30	15
October	30	15
November	30	15
December	30	15

Month	Number Occupied	Capacity	Average Occupancy (%)	Min Occupancy (%)	Max Occupancy (%)
January 24	642	880	72.9	52.5	90
February 24	566	840	67.3	52.5	82.5
March 24	419	800	52.3	37.5	70

April 24	622	630	98.7	83.33	113.33
May 24	474	630	75.2	60	96.67
June 24	373	400	93.25	65	115
July 24	265	320	82.8	70	100
August 24	284	390	72.8	55	105
September 24	159	390	40.7	36.67	50
October 24	249	570	43.6	30	60
December 23	178	210	84.7	73.33	93.33

Q5 If you are unable to provide the utilisation percentage(s), could you explain the process used to capture and measure the utilisation of the remote patient monitoring-enabled virtual beds?

A5 As per A4