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Response Due: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. Does your trust use virtual wards for any maternity/obstetrics patients? If no please go to the last question (question 2).**  
No.
- a. Is this provided internally (i.e. Trust versus private outsource), If outsourced which provider is responsible for delivering the virtual ward.**  
N/A.
- b. How long have you been providing or had provision for this virtual ward (months)?**  
N/A.
- c. If yes what obstetric/early pregnancy conditions do you currently use the virtual ward for:**
  - Pre-eclampsia
  - Preterm prelabour rupture of membranes
  - Obstetric Cholestasis
  - Outpatient management of miscarriage
  - Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
  - Hyperemesis gravidarum
  - Other please specify:N/A.

**d. Which diagnostic/monitoring tests do you provide as part of this service:**

- Pulse
- Temperature
- Blood pressure
- Pulse Oximetry
- Blood tests (if so what tests and modality i.e. Point of care)
- Urinalysis
- Symptom questionnaire
- Fetal monitoring
- IV fluids
- IV medications
- Oral Medications

N/A.

**e. Which categories of medications are administered:**

- Antihypertensives
- Antiemetics
- Analgesia
- Other please specify:
- None

N/A.

**f. What is the maximum frequency of monitoring provided?**

N/A.

**g. On average how many times a day will monitoring occur?**

N/A.

**h. Are abnormal results reviewed by the treating team or the virtual ward provider?**

N/A.

**i. Is there a time limit of how long patients can stay within the virtual ward e.g. two weeks. If yes how long is the duration?**

N/A.

**j. How is the virtual ward funded?**

N/A.

**2. If you currently do not provide a virtual ward for maternity/obstetrics patients do you have plans to implement them and if so when is this expected to go live?**

The Trust does not have any plans to implement a virtual ward for maternity/obstetric patients.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Handwritten signature of Kevin Parker-Evans, with the name 'PARKER-EVANS.' printed below it.

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Water Lane  
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