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REQUEST

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2. If yes, what is the current reported virtual wards beds capacity?

3. Out of this capacity, what number/percentage are enabled for remote patient monitoring?

4. 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)?

5. 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?

6. 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?

RESPONSE

1. Does the Trust provide virtual wards service?

Yes

2. **If yes, what is the current reported virtual wards beds capacity?**

As of October have a reported capacity of 60 virtual ward beds, but this is provided by a number of providers.

3. **Out of this capacity, what number/percentage are enabled for remote patient monitoring?**

There is opportunity to provide remote monitoring for up to 30 patients.

4. **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)?**

   Remote monitored beds are provided by another organisation on our behalf and we do not have this information directly.

5. **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?**

   As above, we don't have this level of detail.

6. **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?**

   As above, this is provided by another organisation.