

FOI REF: 24/737

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**1. What is the current reported virtual wards beds capacity?**

52.

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

30 patients (50-60%).

**3. 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)?**

13% remote monitored.

**4. 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, the levels remotely monitored vary over time.

7 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2024	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024	26 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2024	12 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2024	Average of last 5 SitReps
13.0%	17.4%	22.8%	34.8%	4.3%	18.46%

**5. 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?**

Please see response to Q4 above.

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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