

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/482

Subject: Virtual Ward Capacity

*I can confirm that the ICB **does** hold **the** information requested; please see responses below:*

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<p>In the ICB monthly submission to NHSE on virtual ward capacity, the ICB submitted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 28th Jul: 121 · 25th Aug: 121 · 22nd Sep: 121 · 20th Oct: 156 · 17th Nov: 156 · 29th Dec: 121 · 25th Jan: 121 · 23rd Feb: 121 	<p>1. The data is submitted to NHSE directly by our community services provider Sirona Health and Care CIC. The ICB is not aware of any issues with data quality.</p> <p>2. Resourcing challenges – recruitment/staff sickness having direct impact on capacity. Drop in referrals seen in month in February (reduced in reach and impact of annual leave / sickness).</p> <p>3. BNSSG has the following trajectory for 24/25 as part of our Operational Plan. This equates to circa 22 patients per 100,000 population from quarter 4. Further years’ trajectories have not been set.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="763 1018 2092 1337"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">ICB Level</th> <th>Jan-24</th> <th>Plan Basis</th> <th>Average</th> <th>Apr 2024- Mar 2025</th> <th>April 2024</th> <th>May 2024</th> <th>June 2024</th> <th>July 2024</th> <th>August 2024</th> <th>September 2024</th> <th>October 2024</th> <th>November 2024</th> <th>December 2024</th> <th>January 2025</th> <th>February 2025</th> <th>March 2025</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Virtual ward capacity</td> <td>E.T.5</td> <td>Numerator</td> <td>The number of patients on the virtual ward</td> <td>90</td> <td>end of period position</td> <td></td> <td>128</td> <td>80</td> <td>91</td> <td>94</td> <td>108</td> <td>132</td> <td>132</td> <td>145</td> <td>145</td> <td>148</td> <td>156</td> <td>156</td> <td>156</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.T.5</td> <td>Denominator</td> <td>The number of patients that the virtual ward is able to simultaneously manage</td> <td>121</td> <td>end of period position</td> <td></td> <td>163</td> <td>120</td> <td>120</td> <td>120</td> <td>135</td> <td>165</td> <td>165</td> <td>180</td> <td>180</td> <td>185</td> <td>195</td> <td>195</td> <td>195</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.T.5</td> <td>Percentage</td> <td>Virtual ward occupancy</td> <td>74.38</td> <td>end of period position</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>67</td> <td>76</td> <td>78</td> <td>80</td> <td>80</td> <td>80</td> <td>80</td> <td>80</td> <td>80</td> <td>80</td> <td>80</td> <td>80</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ICB Level				Jan-24	Plan Basis	Average	Apr 2024- Mar 2025	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	Virtual ward capacity	E.T.5	Numerator	The number of patients on the virtual ward	90	end of period position		128	80	91	94	108	132	132	145	145	148	156	156	156	E.T.5	Denominator	The number of patients that the virtual ward is able to simultaneously manage	121	end of period position		163	120	120	120	135	165	165	180	180	185	195	195	195	E.T.5	Percentage	Virtual ward occupancy	74.38	end of period position			67	76	78	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
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<p>1. Could you please confirm if the provided capacity has declined over the past few months or if this is just a data quality issue?</p> <p>2. If capacity is in decline, could you please confirm the reasons/issues or challenges that resulted in reduced capacity?</p> <p>3. Could you please confirm if the ICB has a trajectory date for meeting the NHSE target of 40-50 virtual ward beds per 100,000 population and if so, over what period of time?</p>	
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 18th April 2024 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.