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Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you stated the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB currently report a bed capacity of 124 virtual wards and subsequently asked:

- 1) *Can you confirm if any remote monitoring technology does not support this capacity?*

The ICB does utilise remote monitoring technology to support virtual ward capacity.

You also stated 'According to the 2023/24 planning guidance, funding for virtual ward capacity is part of the broader allocations for UEC capacity, which includes an opening allocation of £590m and an additional £380m to be issued during the planning process. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB has been allocated a total of £10.151m, out of which £8.017m is part of the £590m allocation and £2.134m is part of the additional £380m allocation' and subsequently asked:

- 1) *Can you confirm how much of this funding has been directly allocated or forecasted to be allocated for the development, implementation, and running of virtual wards?*

£3.335m of funding has been allocated to virtual wards.

- 2) *Additionally, please provide information on how much of this virtual ward funding was allocated to Citycare, which provides virtual ward community bed provisions in partnership with Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Nottingham University Hospitals Trust, and Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust.*

CityCare's total virtual ward funding allocation for 2023/24 is £790k.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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