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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE**

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number: 71952**

I refer to your email of 16 November 2023 requesting information in relation to virtual wards.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below.

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following contact(s) information held by Lincolnshire ICB, subject to FOIA.**

- 1. As per the 2023/24 planning guidance, the funding allocated for the virtual ward's capacity in 2023/24 is part of the broader allocations for UEC capacity, which comprises an opening allocation of £590m and an additional £380m to be issued during the planning process.**  
**Lincolnshire ICB has been allocated a total of £11,918m, out of which £ 9,908m is a part of the £590m allocation and £2,010m is a part of the additional £380m allocation.**
  - 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?**  
A total of £1.5 million has been allocated from the capacity funding.
- 2. The Lincolnshire ICB had a contract in place with Spirit Health Group for the remote monitoring of virtual wards. The six-month extension was set to expire on September 30th, 2023.**
  - Was the contract extended? Yes**
    - If so, what is the new expiration date?**  
The Spirit Health Group contract has been extended to 31/03/24

- **If the contract was not extended, has a new contract been put in place?**

Not applicable

- **Who is the supplier?**
- **When did the new contract start?**
- **What is the length of the new contract?**
- **What is the value of the new contract?**

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit  
FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, St John's House  
East Street  
Leicester  
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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the ICB.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: telephone 0303 123 1113,  
email [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk) and <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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Yours faithfully

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**On behalf of  
NHS Lincolnshire ICB**