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Thank you for your request concerning remote monitoring/telehealth for Mental Health patients at home.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. Does the nature of some medications and/or treatment used in your organisation mean that if a patient is on home leave, it is important that some vital signs are still measured?

This is not currently required by any policies but should a patient be on a clozapine titration they would need regular twice daily physical observations to be carried out. This would be facilitated by the crisis team.

2. Does your organization presently use and/or endorse a (RPM) remote patient monitoring system to capture vital signs or other health related measurements whilst a patient is on a leave of absence and/or weekend leave e.g. residing in their own home (Measurement examples being blood pressure/weight/temperature/Oxygen Saturation/EWS/pulse/glucose etc.)?

No remote patient monitoring is currently in place.

2.1 If the answer is NO

2.1.1 Is telemedicine/ RPM, something that the Trust would consider (within the next 2 years)?

No currently in any plans, although could proceed subject to a business case being raised.

2.1.2 If the Trust is not considering RPM for suitable patients (able to take their own readings or have a relative who can do this for them) – is there a reason why this is not being considered?

Not applicable.

2.2 If the answer is YES – RPM is presently used in the community - could you please detail

2.2.1 The system type/name/supplier

2.2.2 Where do you send this data/measurements to – for instance...GP system?

2.2.3 When this system came into use and when contract expires



- 2.2.4 How much does this cost the Trust (approximately) per patient or per year for multiple patients?
- 2.2.5 What patient data is captured & are there measurements you would like to capture but cannot achieve at the moment?
- 2.2.6 Has there been any analysis of this data to demonstrate that remote patient monitoring from home, (or community residence) has improved patient care/medication needs/ allowed patients more time at home etc?

Not applicable.

3. Who is the main person(s)/ decision maker (s) or team – who would probably be responsible (or is responsible) for the decision to use remote patient monitoring in the community? Name/title...

This kind of project could be brought forward by an individual service or at Trust level. All our Management contact details can be obtained through [Binley's Database of NHS Management](#)¹.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).



¹ Section 21 – Information is available through other means has been applied