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## REQUEST & RESPONSE

- 1. The total number of virtual ward beds you had open as of 15 January 2025**

75 (60 Cheshire and Merseyside beds, 15 Lancashire and South Cumbria beds)

- 2. The total number of VW beds, broken down by the different specialties served by those virtual wards**

We cannot provide a answer to this. The Trust do not spilt the number of beds available by speciality it is total 75 general virtual ward beds.

- 3. The beds occupancy rate as of 15 January 2025, broken down by specialty**

We cannot provide the % occupancy for each speciality, below is the total number of patients occupying each speciality, then a % occupancy for general virtual wards (Broken down by ICB and total)

Sum of Occupancy Count	Diagnosis Cohort					Grand Total
	Acute Respiratory	Frailty	General Medicine	Heart Failure	(blank)	
Locality						
Halton		1	3			4
Knowsley		2	1			3
Sefton		2	1			3
St Helens	2	15	24	5		46
West Lancs	2					2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>58</b>

Sum of Occupancy Count	Diagnosis Cohort					Grand Total	Capacity	Percentage Occupancy
	Acute Respiratory	Frailty	General Medicine	Heart Failure	(blank)			
ICB								
Cheshire and Merseyside	2	20	29	5		56	60	93.3%
Lancashire and South Cumbria	2					2	15	13.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77.3%</b>

#### 4.A list of the specialities for which you offer patient initiated follow-up

Please see below list of specialties which currently offer PIFU at legacy STHK sites:

- Pain
- Diabetes & Endocrinology
- Rheumatology Joint Injection/Osteoporosis
- ENT
- Ophthalmology Triage Clinics
- Gastro IBD
- Therapies – Physio
- Dermatology
- Gynaecology
- Oral Surgery
- T&O
- Paediatrics
- Neurosurgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Palliative Care

Please find list of PIFU specialties for legacy S&O below.

Cardiology  
Dermatology  
ENT  
Gastroenterology  
Gynaecology  
Ophthalmology

Orthoptics  
Optometry  
Paediatric Ophthalmology  
Oral Surgery  
Osteoporosis  
Paediatrics  
Respiratory  
Rheumatology  
Trauma & Orthopaedics  
Paediatrics T&O  
Urology  
Vascular

**5.The proportion of outpatient attendances discharged to PIFU pathways, as of 15 January 2025 (or the most recent data point – please specify the date if different from 15/1/25).**

This can be found on nationally published data

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/outpatient-transformation/pifu/>

**6.The names of each technology supplier and the product used by the trust to run its PIFU pathways**

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