

Hospital at Home Virtual Ward

What is a **virtual ward**?

Virtual wards, which include Hospital at Home, are a safe and efficient alternative to NHS bedded care.

Virtual wards support patients, who would otherwise be in hospital, to receive the acute care and treatment they need in their own home. This includes either preventing avoidable admissions into hospital or supporting early discharge out of hospital.



“
I had my own little
hospital at home,
where I got better,
much quicker.”

What **service** can virtual wards provide?

-  Daily review by clinician, either in person or remotely, depending on clinical need.
-  Consultant level clinical oversight.
-  Provision of medications including IVs.
-  Access to testing services for bloods, covid and flu.
-  Investigative procedures such as ECG.
-  Care and therapy support to promote independence.
-  Access to acute hospital for deteriorating patients, access to radiology and other support.

What **patients** would be suitable?

-  Over 18 and consents to Hospital at Home
-  Inpatient at RUH and investigations and treatment plan have been commenced OR admission avoidance
-  Medically unwell but with a stable presentation
-  Needs IV medications, oxygen or other services that would usually happen in hospital
-  Medically optimised and only requiring social care input or reablement
-  Any suspected long bone fractures
-  Unstable patients e.g. haemorrhage,
-  Head injury with LOC/on blood thinners



How do I **refer**?

B&NES and Wiltshire:
contact the CCC on

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And ask to refer to
RUH Hospital at Home.