

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/329

Subject: A&E Waiting Times, Ambulances and Virtual Beds

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1) What was the longest A&E wait across the ICB in: a) 2023. b) 2022.	An A&E wait is defined as the time from arrival to the time of discharge, admission to a ward or transfer to an alternative site. a) 3.3 days b) 5 days
2) How many new ambulances have you bought in across 2023, (if applicable) the number of ambulances due to be bought in by the end of FY23/24.	The ICB does not purchase, own or operate ambulances. We advise you to contact South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) directly; https://www.swast.nhs.uk/welcome/foi-key-documents/making-a-freedom-of-information-request
3) Total ambulance fleet at 1.1.2023 and on 1.12.2023.	
4) The number of virtual beds on 1.1.2023, 1.3.2023 and on 1.12.2023.	We reported our beds as the following: 1.1.2023: 105 1.3.2023: 120 1.12.2023: 120

<p>5) Please could I additionally request whether the ICB purchased or is due to purchase any specialist mental health vehicles in FY 22/23 or FY 23/24. Capital funding was offered in January 2023 for the purchase of up to 100 specialist mental health vehicles across England, which you can see here: https://www.england.nhs.uk/2023/01/major-plan-to-recover-urgent-and-emergency-care-services/</p>	<p>The ICB does not purchase, own or operate ambulances. We advise you to contact South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) directly; https://www.swast.nhs.uk/welcome/foi-key-documents/making-a-freedom-of-information-request</p>
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 21 December 2023 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer and Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.