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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Frailty and Elderly Population (Assisted Living)

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 20th August 2021.

You Asked for:

This is a FOI Request – Would appreciate if you could please share information on following questions:

1. What are the current total patients with respect to frailty visiting the various hospitals within your Integrated Care System (ICS)?
2. Are there any solutions in place for frailty detection and monitoring?
3. Are there any solutions for elderly population for remote monitoring?
4. Do you provide any digital service to support Independent Living and Assisted Living to the elderly?
5. Is there a roadmap on supporting diverse teams of professionals to monitor and treat more of these people (elderly above 60) in their homes and supporting more patients to self-care?

Our Response:

1. As of August 2021, 507 patients had emergency admissions with a diagnosis used in frailty. This relates to patients aged over 65 years of age.
2. Wirral Borough Council (WBC) is about to implement a remote monitoring solution (ambient sensor technologies to monitor daily living activities) for recipients of analogue Telecare. This will be digital in nature and involve responses to alarms (emergencies) and alerts (changes in behaviours that cause concern). A number of residents in receipt of this service will have frailty as a key risk factor.
3. WBC is about to implement a remote monitoring solution (ambient sensor technologies to monitor daily living activities) for recipients of analogue Telecare. This will be digital in nature and involve responses to alarms (emergencies) and alerts (changes in behaviours that cause concern). Many residents in receipt of this service will be elderly.
4. WBC's extra care facilities and many of Wirral's residential homes utilise a variety of digital tools, ranging from electronic care planning packages, through to the use of sensors to indicate residents mobilising, moving around their room and to detect people moving on staircases and the opening of external doors.

5. There is a Wirral System Frailty Strategy in development. This will complement the national operating model for anticipatory care, which is expected to be provided this year (2021/2022) as part of the Ageing Well Framework.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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