

Citizens' Panel for health and social care

This infographic summarises the key findings from a pulse survey published in June 2026 asking questions on public perception and views on virtual wards in Scotland.

In total 377 panel members responded to the survey by email, which represents a 39% response rate.

Understanding of virtual wards



Using virtual wards



Would feel very/ somewhat comfortable getting hospital-level monitoring at home through a virtual ward (65%)

If you or someone close to you were offered a virtual ward at home, what would make it work well for you (top 3)?

Technology and virtual wards

Would feel confident using technology at home to help monitor their health, so long as support was available when they needed it (78%)



Confidence that urgent help will be available quickly if needed

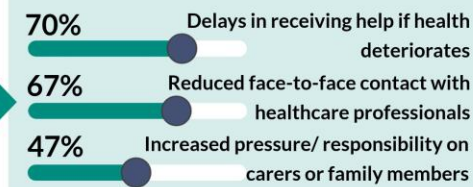
Regular contact with healthcare professionals

Clear guidance on who to contact in an emergency

Benefits of using virtual wards (top 3)



Concerns about using virtual wards (top 3)



If you had a health condition that would normally be monitored in hospital, would you prefer to be monitored at home through a virtual ward, or stay in hospital?

