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### Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to pest infestations 2011-2016.

*1. How many incidents of pest infestations have occurred on Trust property in each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16? (If no figures are available for 2015/16 please provide data for five years from 2010/11).*

*1. a. Please give details of the type of pest e.g. rats, cockroaches, flies for those infestations.*

*1. b. Please give details of the types of wards where pest infestations have been found.*

*c. Please give details of how they were dealt with if possible.*

*2. How many wards or buildings have been closed as a result of pest infestations in each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 ? (If no figures are available for 2015/16 please provide data for five years from 2010/11).*

*3. Does the Trust have an in-house pest control unit?*

*4. How often does the Trust carry out pest control risk assessments or inspections?*

*5. How much money has the Trust spent on pest control in each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16? (If no figures are available for 2015/16 please provide data for five years from 2010/11).*

1. The Trust's specialist contractor for pest control was called out on a total of sixty-six occasions during the five financial years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 across all Trust sites.

Date	Type of pest	Ward/Department	Site
26-Jul-11	Wasps	Cornwallis	Maidstone
25-Aug-11	Wasps	Lord North	Maidstone
18-May-12	Ants	Charles Dickens	Maidstone

23-May-12	Ants	MOU Theatres	Maidstone
25-May-12	Ants	Out Patients	Maidstone
13-Jun-12	Ants	Out Patients	Maidstone
19-Jun-12	Ants	Medical Records	Maidstone
25-Jun-12	Wasps	Cornwallis	Maidstone
19-Jul-12	Ants	Travers Drs Lounge	Maidstone
24-Jul-12	Rat	Oncology Garden	Maidstone
24-Jul-12	Wasps	Childrens OPD Play area	TWH
02-Aug-12	Rat	Oncology Garden	Maidstone
14-Aug-12	Ants	CCU	Maidstone
24-Aug-12	Ants	MAU	Maidstone
16-Sep-12	Ants	Charles Dickens	Maidstone
05-Oct-12	No pest found	Admin Office	Maidstone
29-Oct-12	Pigeon(dead)	Glass roof Chronic Pain	Maidstone
12-Mar-13	Ants	Whatman & Jon Saunders Wards	Maidstone
22-Apr-13	Ants	John Day	Maidstone
03-May-13	Ants	Chaucer (side room)	Maidstone
10-May-13	Ants	John Day	Maidstone
21-May-13	Mouse	A & E Office	Maidstone
29-May-13	Ants	Riverbank	Maidstone
29-May-13	Ants	A & E corridor	Maidstone
25-Jun-13	Ants	Oncology Linac 5	Maidstone
19-Aug-13	Wasps nest	Visitors car park	Maidstone
23-Aug-13	Ants	CCU - offices	Maidstone
02-Sep-13	Wasps nest	Outside Diabetes unit	Maidstone
18-Oct-13	Wasps nest	Visitors car park	Maidstone
13-Dec-13	Cat Fleas	Admin Office	Maidstone
15-Jan-14	Pigeons	Courtyard	Maidstone
14-Mar-14	Fruit flies	Exterior waste store (Oncology)	Maidstone
22-Mar-14	Ants	Chaucer	Maidstone
28-Mar-14	Pigeons	Post Natal	TWH
14-Apr-14	Ants	Physiotherapy	Maidstone
08-May-14	Ants	Travers Drs Lounge	Maidstone
21-May-14	Ants	A & E Entrance	Maidstone
22-May-14	Bees	Outside Pye Oliver	Maidstone
29-May-14	Ants	Travers Drs Lounge	Maidstone
02-Jun-14	Pigeons	X Ray Courtyard	Maidstone
21-Aug-14	Bed bugs	Relatives Room ITU	TWH
16-Sep-14	Wasps nest	Visitors car park	Maidstone
29-Oct-14	Flies	Rowan House (Residences)	Maidstone
23-Nov-14	Maggots	A&E Waiting Room	Maidstone
18-Dec-14	Biting Insects	Women & Children Offices	TWH
17-Mar-15	Rat	Outside by former helipad	Maidstone

07-Apr-15	Ants	Riverbank	Maidstone
28-Apr-15	Rat	Outside by Oncology waste area	Maidstone
29-Apr-15	Rat	Outside slope by Oncology	Maidstone
30-Apr-15	Fleas	Ante Natal Clinic	TWH
07-May-15	Rodent activity?	Outside Orthopaedic offices	Maidstone
01-Jun-15	Ants	Riverbank	Maidstone
03-Jul-15	Flying ants	Charles Dickens	Maidstone
31-Jul-15	Biting Insects	Travers Unit offices	Maidstone
03-Aug-15	Rodent ?	Outside HR windows	Maidstone
17-Aug-15	Wasps nest	Staff car park	Maidstone
27-Aug-15	Rodent activity?	Outside slope by Oncology	Maidstone
14-Sep-15	Ants	Main Kitchen	Maidstone
24-Sep-15	Rat (dead)	Under bin outside Birthing Centre	Maidstone
10-Oct-15	Pigeons	Oncology Courtyard	Maidstone
12-Nov-15	Ants	Main Kitchen	Maidstone
04-Dec-15	Maggots	In ceiling void above Servery	Maidstone
15-Dec-15	Pigeons (dead)	Courtyard by Lord North	Maidstone
23-Dec-15	Rodent activity?	Bin shed Rowan House (Residences)	Maidstone
26-Jan-16	Rodent activity?	Oncology Garden	Maidstone
25-Mar-16	Rodent activity?	Loading Bay area by compactor	TWH

2. No wards have been closed as a result of pest activity. However, the Oncology garden was closed for two days following the siting of the rat on 2 August 2012 to allow for a broken pipe to be repaired and the relatives overnight room on ITU was closed for fumigation and for the bed to be replaced following the infestation of bed bugs.

3. The Trust does not have an in-house pest control unit.

4. The pest control inspections are monthly on each Trust occupied site plus two night visits per year. In addition the pest control contractor flies a hawk on the two main hospital sites on a weekly basis to deter pigeons.

5.

Financial Year	Annual Expenditure
2011/12	£17,113
2012/13	£12,396
2013/14	£12,981
2014/15	£14,048
2015/16	£23,276*

\*this figure includes the costs for pigeon netting across several courtyards