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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 MRSA screening.

*Can you please let me know under FOI, whether your trust:*

1. *Has changed its MRSA screening after the 2014 PHE guidance called 'implementation of modified admission MRSA screening guidance for NHS (2014).*
2. *If so, what was your screening regime?*
3. *If you restricted screening, have MRSA acquisitions (positive screen after 48 hours in hospital or after a negative screen) increased?*
4. *If so, but how much*
5. *Please tell me the number of MRSA bacteraemias for the years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16*
6. *If you restricted screening and if either MRSA acquisitions or MRSA bacteraemias increased, did you go back to universal screening?*
7. *If you moved to restricted screening and returned to universal screening, how long did you practice restricted screening.*

1. Yes. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust modified the screening regime following the guidance and a risk assessment

2. The following changes were made:

- Continue elective screening for Surgery (including ENT, general surgery, urology, gynae-oncology, plastic surgery, vascular), Trauma and Orthopaedics, Gynaecology, elective caesarean sections, cardiology, pain clinic interventions and interventional radiology.
- Discontinue elective screening for medical day cases (chest, rheumatology, endocrinology, neurology etc) and UMAU day attenders.
- Discontinue screening for haematology/oncology day attenders with the exception of those undergoing intravascular central line insertions (PICC, Groschong, Hickman etc)

- Continue to screen elective caesarians and high risk paediatrics (orthopaedics, general surgery etc)
- Continue to screen all non-elective patients

3. No

4. Not applicable

5. 13/14= 3, 14/15=1, 15/16=1

6. Not applicable

7. Not applicable