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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 the STP in Kent and Medway.

- 1. Who appointed Dame Ruth Carnall to the post of Independent Chair of the Kent and Medway STP programme board?*
- 2. What was the date of her appointment?*
- 3. Kent County Council has confirmed that they have contributed to the cost of appointing the consultancy Carnall Farrar but they say they were not responsible for the letting of the contract. Who let the contract and on what date was the contract let?*
- 4. How much have the Kent and Medway STP bodies, including Kent County Council, paid to Carnall Farrar for their advice?*
- 5. Were you aware at the time of her appointment that Dame Ruth Carnall was associated with the private consultancy Carnall Farrar?*
- 6. Were you aware at the time of her appointment that Dame Ruth Carnall and her private consultancy company were simultaneously acting, respectively, as 'Independent Chair' and consultants in several other STP footprints?*
- 7. Can you confirm that MTW NHS Trust is taking overall responsibility for the roll out and operation of the STP in Kent and Medway?*

1. The process was undertaken by a team of senior NHS and social care leaders working together on behalf of Kent and Medway's NHS and top tier local authorities.

2. Carnall Farrar (including Dame Ruth as Chair of the Programme Board) were appointed via a competitive procurement process in August 2016.
3. As the wider STP is a partnership arrangement between health and social care organisations across Kent and Medway, the procurement was undertaken by a team of senior NHS and social care leaders working together on behalf of Kent and Medway's NHS and top tier local authorities.
4. £1.4m to the end of December 2016
5. Yes. Carnall Farrar were appointed to support the development of future strategic plans for health and social care in Kent and Medway and this included a requirement for neutral chairmanship of the Kent and Medway STP Programme Board by an experienced leader not affiliated with any of the Kent and Medway organisations.
6. Yes. Carnall Farrar referenced their extensive experience in similar areas of work in their proposal.
7. No, this is not the case.
The Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Plan is being developed collaboratively by all NHS organisations in Kent and Medway, Kent County Council and Medway Council.
The Chief Executive of Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust was appointed as the Senior Responsible Officer for this programme of work when it was established, but this is alongside his role as CEO at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust; they are two distinct roles.