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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 Physiotherapy Services.

### **VACANCIES**

#### *Request 1*

- a) Please confirm how many whole time equivalent physiotherapist and physiotherapy support worker vacancies were held in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust as at 31 March 2017.*
- b) Please confirm how many of the posts in Request 1a had been vacant for 3 months or more as at 31 March 2017.*

### **POSTS**

#### *Request 2:*

*Please confirm how many whole time equivalent (WTE) physiotherapists and physiotherapy support workers were employed by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust on the 31 March 2017. (This should include any generic assistant or technical instructor posts that support physiotherapy service provision).*

### **PATIENT DEMAND**

#### *Request 3:*

*Please confirm the number of new referrals (including patient self-referral) to physiotherapy services in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, in the following financial years:*

- 1 April 2016 to end of 31 March 2017*
- 1 April 2015 to end of 31 March 2016*
- 1 April 2014 to end of 31 March 2015*

### **SPENDING**

#### *Request 4:*

Please confirm how much was spent on physiotherapy agency/locum/temp staff in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, in the following financial years:

- 1 April 2016 to end of 31 March 2017
- 1 April 2015 to end of 31 March 2016
- 1 April 2014 to end of 31 March 2015

#### PRACTICE BASED LEARNING

Request 5:

Please identify the clinical areas within your physiotherapy services that provide placements for physiotherapy undergraduates in the last financial year (1 April 2016 to end of 31 March 2017).

#### MUSCULOSKELETAL (MSK) PATHWAY

Request 6:

a) Please confirm/deny whether Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust provides MSK services that include first contact physiotherapists in General Practice

b) Please confirm/deny whether patients can self-refer to physiotherapy services within the MSK services provided by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

<b>CSP Freedom of Information Request – Physiotherapy staff and services at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust</b>		
<b>Vacancies – as at 31.3.17</b>		
	Total Vacancies WTE	Vacancies lasting 3 months WTE
Physiotherapists	5.14 wte (including VFC)	5.14 wte
Physiotherapy Support Workers	None	None
<b>Posts – Funded Establishment WTE as at 31.3.17</b>		
Physiotherapists	22.37	5.14 wte
Physiotherapy Support Workers	Band 3 0.94wte	Band 3 None
<b>Patient Demand</b>		
Please confirm the number of new referrals to physiotherapy services in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, in the following financial years:	1 April 2016 to end of 31 March 2017	Outpatient referrals: 5549
	1 April 2015 to end of 31 March 2016	Outpatient referrals: 5450
	1 April 2014 to end of 31 March 2015	Outpatient referrals: 4800
<b>Spending</b>		
Please confirm how much was spent on physiotherapy agency/locum/temp staff in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, in the following financial years:	1 April 2016 to end of 31 March 2017	£0
	1 April 2015 to end of 31 March 2016	£0

	1 April 2014 to end of 31 March 2015
	<b>£24300</b>
<b>Practice Based Learning</b>	
Clinical areas within Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust physiotherapy services that have provided placements for physiotherapy undergraduates in the last financial year (1.4.16 – 31.3.17)	Outpatient Msk
<b>MSK Pathway</b>	
Does Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust provide MSK services that include first contact physiotherapists in General Practice	No
Does Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust provide MSK physiotherapy services that patients can refer themselves to	No