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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 Haemofiltration or continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT).

You asked:

Please provide me with the following information relating to the provision of haemofiltration or continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT) within the intensive care units (ICU's) of your NHS Trust:

1. The name of your Trust.
2. The names of the hospitals within your Trust.
3. The ICU's conducting haemofiltration / CRRT within your Trust.
4. The number of patients treated with CRRT per year within your Trust.
5. Current provider of CRRT services to your Trust.
6. The preferred CRRT modality.
7. The name of the Lead Clinician, in each hospital, responsible for CRRT services.
8. The name of the person in Procurement responsible for the CRRT contract in your Trust.
9. Date of the next tender for CRRT services.
10. A copy of the previous successful tender for CRRT services.

Trust response:

1. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust
2.
Maidstone Hospital
Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury
3.
Maidstone ICU
Tunbridge Wells ICU
4. 1/1/17 to 31-12-17 115 patients (total for both units)
5. Baxter Prsimaflex
6. CVVHDF utilising citrate anticoagulation
7. Dr James Wood, cross site lead for intensive care

8. The Trust considers the names and contact details requested exempt under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees. These members of staff are not of sufficient senior level where there is reasonable expectation that this information would be released into the public domain. The Trust follows guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details. The Trust does, however, release details of staff on Associate Director or above. The Procurement function sits within the remit of the Director of Finance, Mr Steve Orpin.

9. The CRRT contract will be reviewed during the 2019/20 financial year.

10. The information requested is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 43 as its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). Section 43(2) FOIA provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test. The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market because other contracting authorities and competitors would be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of its delivery model and methodology.

11. Annual Maintenance charge £13,000 per annum