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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 Specialist Skin MDT's.

*You asked:*

*There are two types of skin cancer MDTs; Local Skin MDTs and Specialist skin cancer multidisciplinary teams (SSMDT).*

*Specialist Skin MDTs will normally consider patients who:*

- *Have a rare skin cancer.*
- *Have SCC or melanoma that's at higher risk of coming back or has come back.*
- *Have any type of skin cancer that's spread to another part of the body.*
- *Need treatment that the Local Hospital Skin Cancer MDT doesn't provide.*
- *May be offered to participate in a clinical trial.*

*If your Trust hosts a Specialist Skin MDT, we would be very grateful for the names of the MDT participants please.*

*Specialist Skin MDT members:*

*Dermatologists:*

*Plastic Surgeons:*

*Clinical Oncologists:*

*Medical Oncologists:*

*Radiologists*

*Histopathologists*

*Skin Cancer Nurse Specialists*

*Skin Cancer MDT/pathway coordinators*

*Other MDT attendees*

Trust response:

Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust receives a number of requests for details relating to the professional lives of our staff from private individuals and organisations, some of whom are involved in recruitment and marketing. We

are aware that approaches from some of these organisations, as a result of any disclosure on our part, may lead to damage and distress to individuals whose roles and responsibilities would not normally be public facing or a level where the expectation would be that this information should be in the public domain. On very rare occasions it might be considered in the public interest to disclose some information but in such cases the views of the individual staff concerned is always sought.

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.

Further details can be found on the Trust website using the following link:  
[www.mtw.nhs.uk/service/cancer-services-kent-oncology-centre/](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/service/cancer-services-kent-oncology-centre/)