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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 Histopathology Labs.

You asked:

- 1. Do you have a Histopathology Labs that run Immunohistochemistry diagnostic testing and if so what site/sites they are located?*
- 2. If possible, could you provide a contact email for the relevant person in charge of the Histopathology Lab? For example, a service manager or lead Biomedical scientist in Immunohistochemistry/ Histopathology/ Histology.*

Trust response:

1. Yes. The laboratories are located in Maidstone Hospital
2. 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 has therefore decided that in future all such requests will normally be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

The Trust follows guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details.

This role falls under the remit of Ritchie Chalmers as Chief of Service for Diagnostic and Clinical Support Services.