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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 locum staff and job vacancies.

1. (a) *In the Financial Year 2014/15, how many hours in total were worked by locum staff for the Trust?*

(b) *In the Financial Year 2014/15, how many days in total were permanent job positions left vacant for? (I.e. the number of days that positions were left unfilled by permanent staff)*

2. (a) *In the Financial Year 2010/11, how many hours in total were worked by locum staff for the Trust?*

(b) *In the Financial Year 2010/11, how many days in total were permanent job positions left vacant for? (I.e. the number of days that positions were left unfilled by permanent staff)*

*NB: I would prefer the figures to be for financial years, as stated. However, if it is only possible to supply the figures in terms of calendar years, please supply them for 2014 (in Q1), and 2010 (in Q2).*

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust did not have electronic systems in place to capture the required data during the time period requested. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.