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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 nutrition support teams.

1. *How many beds are there in your Trust?
If your Trust comprises of different hospitals, please give the breakdown for each hospital.*
2.
 - a) *Does your Trust have a nutrition support team?*
 - b) *If so, does the nutrition support team cover all hospital beds within your Trust?*
 - c) *What is your nutrition teams' involvement in ITU?*
 - d) *Which major GI surgical procedures are performed in your hospital?*
Oesophagogastric resections
Pancreatic resections
Surgery for advanced rectal cancer e.g. ELAPE
3. *If your Trust comprises of different hospitals, is there a nutrition support team at each hospital or does one nutrition team cover all hospitals?*
4. *If you have a nutrition support team in your Trust, please indicate their role:*
5. *What is the remit of the nutrition support team?*
6. *Please state the number of staff, WTE (referring to nutrition) and band/grade for each discipline in the nutrition support team:*
7. *Please state when the nutrition support teams(s) were formed at each hospital or in the Trust.*
8. *If your Trust does not have a nutrition support team, has there been a business case put forward at any stage for such a team to develop?*
9.
 - a) *Do you have a nutrition steering committee in your Trust?
- Or any other nutrition related committee?*
 - b) *If so, how does it feed information into the Trust Executive?*
10. *Does your Trust have a designated Intestinal Failure Unit?*

1 There were 303 general and acute overnight beds at Maidstone Hospital, but add 9 if you wish to include ITU and add 4 more if you wish to include the birthing centre (316 in total)

There were 381 general and acute overnight beds at Tunbridge Wells Hospital, but add 18 and 7 if you wish to include NNU and ITU and a further 48 to add for maternity (454 in total) Plus 9 private beds on the Wells Suite at Tunbridge Wells not included in the above Tunbridge Wells Hospital figures There were 5 beds at the Crowborough birthing centre.

Data is correct as at June 2017.

2a Yes

2b No (Tunbridge Wells Hospital (TWH) only)

2c Weekly review of patients referred for Nutrition team input

2d None of those listed

3a No Nutrition Team at Maidstone Hospital. Nutrition Team only at TWH.

4 Ward round once (or less) per week

5 Remit: all inpatients on PN, complex EN patients e.g. high output stomas or fistulas, decisions about route of EN, no home PN, no home EN

6	Dietitian	1	0.05 WTE	7
	Gastroenterologist	1	0.05 WTE	Consultant

7 Unknown

8 No

9a Yes

- Food as Medicine – reports to Nutritional steering Group

9b The Nutritional Steering Group reports to Nursing, Midwifery and AHP Group which in turn reports to Trust Management Executive. It also reports to the Trust Clinical Governance Committee (which reports to Trust Management executive).

10 No