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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 Psychotherapists and counsellors.

You asked:

- 1) How many psychotherapists and counsellors have been employed by the Trust since 2012-present? Can these numbers be provided by year?*
- 2) How many third-party psychotherapists and counsellors (or psychotherapy and counselling services) are not directly employed by the Trust, but treat the trust's patients through referrals, since 2012? Can these numbers be given by year?*
- 3) Could you please provide information on what standards the Trust requires candidates to meet, in order to be employed with the job title psychotherapist or counsellor? Is there a policy on what training or accreditation is necessary, in order to apply for these job roles within the Trust?*
- 4) Could you please provide any information as to whether any policy or background check process for hiring psychotherapists and counsellors is also applied to third party care providers who the Trust might refer patients to?*

Trust response:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust is not commissioned to provide Mental Health Services. Please contact Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust.