

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 5329

Please reply to:
FOI Administrator
Trust Management
Maidstone Hospital
Hermitage Lane
Maidstone
Kent
ME16 9QQ
Email: mtw-tr.foiadmin@nhs.net

22 March 2019

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 24 hour stroke consultant cover.

You asked:

In order to provide the promised 24 hour stroke consultant cover in the proposed HASU stroke unit at Maidstone Hospital, MTWT will need stroke consultants that are willing to work night shifts.

How will MTWT achieve this?

Will it be stipulated as mandatory in consultant employment contracts?

STP response:

The consultant contract, which is nationally mandated and in use in Kent and Medway providers, ensures provision for out-of-hours cover, including the availability of a consultant to attend sites as required out-of-hours. The additional consultant cover ensures this can be delivered, i.e. through establishing viable consultant rotas.