

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 5727

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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 Mattress Contracts.

*You asked:*

- 1. Is Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust currently under contract with regards to pressure area care mattresses? If so with who?*
- 2. When is this contract due to end?*
- 3. How many mattresses are in the contract?*
- 4. Is this a rental or a purchase contract?*
- 5. Does the contract cover the servicing of these?*
- 6. Does this contract cover bariatric as well?*
- 7. Does the contract include beds?*
- 8. If not who is this contract held with?*
- 9. How many static (foam) mattresses on average does Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust purchase in a year?*
- 10. Which manufacturers products do you use and Is this under contract? Who is the main Tissue Viability Nurse for the Trust?*
- 11. Who is the main Procurement Manager for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust*
- 12. Who would manage the procurement of mattresses within the trust?*
- 13. Does the Trust receive any decontamination service for beds and mattresses?*
- 14. If so with who?*

Trust response:

1. Currently out to tender
2. As above
3. Ten, dynamic systems

4. Rental
5. Yes
6. No
7. No
8. Currently out to tender
9. MTW uses passive pressure relieving mattress system, typ. 80 - 100
- 10.

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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 information you have requested is therefore exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This falls under the remit of the Chief Nurse. The Trust Executive structure chart and details of the above position/s is available on the Trust website [www.mtw.nhs.uk](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk)

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12. Nursing and E.M.E. Services

13. No

14. Not applicable