

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6125

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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 Insourcing.

*You asked:*

*1. The name and email address of the person within your trust that holds the following position or equivalent:*

- General Manager for Dermatology / Endoscopy / Ophthalmology*
- Service Manager for Dermatology / Endoscopy / Ophthalmology*
- Clinical Lead for Dermatology / Endoscopy / Ophthalmology*

*2. Do you insource any clinical services and which ones?*

*3. Do you have a contract with any company and who is that and for which insourcing services?*

*4. Did you procure this under any current framework and if so which one?*

*5. How is this charged for by the third party service provider per patient/per tariff?*

*6. Are you currently being charged below, on or above NHS tariff?*

*7. Do you use substantively employed Trust staff to delivery all or part of the insourced service?*

*8. The total number of procedures completed by each supplier (named) in the following categories:*

- Endoscopy*
- Ophthalmology*
- ENT*
- Neurology*
- Dermatology*
- All Others*

*9. The total spend completed by each supplier (named) per service area?*

*10. Please give an annual breakdown per annum of insourcing services per service area:*

- 18/19*

• 19/20

11. *When will you envisage starting to deliver face to face outpatient services?*

Trust response:

1. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not provide Dermatology Services.

The Trust considers the names and contact details requested exempt under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees. These members of staff are not of sufficient senior level where there is reasonable expectation that this information would be released into the public domain.

The Trust follows guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details.

Further details already in the public domain can be found on the Trust website using the following links:

<http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Clinically-Led-Brochure-FINAL.pdf>

<https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/service/endoscopy/?referrer=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mtw.nhs.uk%2Fa-to-z-of-services%2F>

<https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/service/ophthalmology/?referrer=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mtw.nhs.uk%2Fa-to-z-of-services%2F>

2. Endoscopy.

3. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link:

<http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Clinical-Insourcing.-190320.pdf>

4. This was through pro contract – Due North Provision of Endoscopy Services (in Sourcing Model)

5. Per unit/patient

6. Below

7. 2 WTE NHS staff the rest is insourcing staff

8.

Endoscopy- 52 units of activity per week FYE 50weeks = 2,55 units approx. – elective service

9. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

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11. Currently unknown.