

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6307

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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 Nursing agency usage.

You asked:

- 1. (a) Who is the head of procurement at your trust responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?*
- (b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?*
- 2. Please can you provide the contact information in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)*
- 3. Please can you confirm if your trust is a member of the Nursing Framework: NHS London Procurement Partnership?*

Trust response:

1.
 - (a) XX
 - (b) XX
2. All enquiries should be sent to the following email address mtw-tr.Staffbank@nhs.net
3. Yes

XX - Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust receives a number of requests for details relating to the professional lives of our staff from private individuals and organisations, some of whom are involved in recruitment and marketing. We are aware that approaches from some of these organisations, as a result of any disclosure on our part, may lead to damage and distress to individuals whose roles and responsibilities would not normally be public facing or a level where the expectation would be that this information should be in the public domain. On very rare occasions it might be considered in the public interest to disclose some information but in such cases the views of the individual staff concerned is always sought.

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.

These roles fall under the remit of the Director of Workforce. The Trust Executive structure chart and details of the above positions is available on the Trust website www.mtw.nhs.uk

To contact members of the board, please contact the Executive secretarial team on telephone 01622 226412.