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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 whistleblowing concerns.

*You asked:*

- 1. Please provide the total number of whistleblowing concerns received between 01/03/2019 and 31/08/2019 by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust*
- 2. Please provide the total number of whistleblowing concerns received between 01/03/2020 and 31/08/2020 by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust*
- 3. Please provide the following information for each whistleblowing concern received by Luton and Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust between 01/03/2020 and 31/08/2020:*
  - a. A brief summary of the whistleblowing concern.*
  - b. Whether any action was taken following the concern, and if so, a brief description of the action taken.*
  - c. If the person provided the information anonymously (i.e. they did not provide you with their name and/or contact details) please indicate this.*

Trust response:

1,2, 3a and 3c

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:

<https://www.nationalguardian.org.uk/speaking-up-data/>

3b. The Trust does not record these details on an IT system. This is in order to minimise the risk of any confidential information being shared inadvertently. All concerns are followed up and if action is required, it is taken. Some involved formal external investigations, others were more facilitated

conversations, mediation approaches. Some cases are simply supporting and advising people to help them manage the situation themselves – empowering them.