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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 Infection Control.

You asked:

- 1. Who is in charge of your trusts infection control and what are their contact details
- 2. Who is the head of your infection control and what are their contact details
- 3. Who is the main decision maker and what are their contact details

Trust response:

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

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.

Information relating to staff that is not currently publically available on our website will not be released under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section

40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees.

The Trust does, however, release details of staff on Associate Director or above. The Trust Executive structure chart is available on the Trust website www.mtw.nhs.uk .

If you wish to contact members of the board, please contact the Executive secretarial team on telephone 01622 226412.

For any queries regarding the Trust Board, please contact Kevin Rowan, Trust Secretary, on telephone 01622 228 698 or email <u>kevinrowan@nhs.net</u>