

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 7228

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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 Cataract surgery.

You asked:

- 1. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for Cataract surgery within your trust.*
- 2. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery between 18 weeks - 51 weeks within your trust.*
- 3. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery between 52 weeks - 103 weeks within your trust.*
- 4. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery over 104 weeks within your trust.*
- 5. Please answer yes or no. Are you currently using sub-contractors to support with any backlog of Cataract patients within your trust.*
- 6. If yes to question 5, please provide the name and location of the provider (s) you are using.*
- 7. If yes to question 5, please provide the total number of completed cataract surgeries they have done for you in 2020/21 and 2021/22 (to date).*
- 8. If no to question 5, do you intend to use other providers to support you with any backlog within your trust.*
- 9. If no to question 8, please provide a reason for not using other providers to support with any backlog within your Trust.*
- 10. Please provide the name and contact details for the individual (s) accountable for contracting these services within your Trust.*

Trust response:

1. 889
2. 440
3. 0
4. 0

5. No
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. No
9. Not currently required
10. 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.

Information relating to staff that is not currently publicly 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 Executive structure chart is available on the Trust website www.mtw.nhs.uk and details of our Clinically Led Organisation can be found on the trust website using the following link: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/clinically-led-organisation/>

Alternatively, from our website home page, click the About Us Tab, then the Clinically-led Organisation tab where you will find all the information.