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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 plasma thawer.

*You asked:*

- 1. Which make(s) and model(s) of plasma thawer are currently used within pathology/ transfusion departments in the trust?*
- 2. What was the purchase date of each plasma thawer?*
- 3. Which hospitals within the trust currently use plasma thawers?*
- 4. The name and contact details of the transfusion department head/ senior manager*

Trust response:

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Sarstedt - Sahara Maxitherm  
Deva Medical Electronics Ltd - MT204
2.  
Sarstedt - Sahara Maxitherm - 01/05/2019  
Deva Medical Electronics Ltd - MT204 - 04/05/2010
3. Maidstone Hospital and Tunbridge Wells Hospital, both use the thawer
4. 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 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.

Please see the Pathology page on our website for further information.

<https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/gps/pathology/>