



**Maidstone and  
Tunbridge Wells**  
NHS Trust

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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 hospital Chaplains and chaplaincy provision.

*You asked:*

1. *Are you:*
  - a. *an acute Trust*
  - b. *a specialist centre / Trust*
  - c. *a community Trust*
  - d. *a mental health Trust*
  - e. *other, please specify:*
2. *In total how many beds do you have in your hospital(s)?*
3. *How many staff by whole-time equivalent and headcount do you have in your hospital?*
4. *The number of whole-time equivalent and headcount of substantive Chaplaincy Team members by faith/belief demographic:*
5. *The number of bank / temporary / zero hours contract Chaplaincy staff by faith/belief demographic:*
6. *The number of honorary Chaplaincy Team members by faith/belief demographic:*
7. *Does the Trust have Trainee Chaplain / Entry Level Chaplain (Band 5) roles?*
8. *If so, how many of the Chaplaincy Team are at this level (whole-time equivalent, headcount and religion/belief)?*
9. *If so, are the positions permanent or fixed term?*
10. *What is the rationale for Trainee / Entry Level chaplains within your Trust?*
11. *Over the last 3 years has the Chaplaincy Team:*
12. *What steps or initiatives has the Chaplaincy Team taken to increase the diversity of service provision within your Trust?*

13. What spaces do you have for prayer, meditation or worship within your Trust?

Trust response:

1.

a. an acute Trust x

2.

512 Beds at Tunbridge Wells Hospital

294 ward-based beds at Maidstone Hospital plus 9 ITU/HDU beds.

3. 6878

4.

| Faith or Belief | Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) | Head Count |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Anglican        | 1                           |            |
| Baptist         | 1                           |            |

5.

| Faith or Belief | Head Count |
|-----------------|------------|
| Baptist         | 1          |
| Roman Catholic  | 1          |

6. None.

7. No

8. Not applicable

9. Not applicable

10. Not applicable

11.

b. remained the same in size x

12. We are always looking for ways in which to diversify our service. We do have humanist representation on our volunteer team and we work very closely with the Imam's.

13.

| Space                          | Yes / No        | Number of these spaces within the Trust (if yes)  | What activities regularly take place in this space              |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|
| Chapel                         | Yes             | 2   | Quiet prayer, Religious Services, Displays, chaplaincy meetings |
| Multifaith space               | Yes             | Both Chapels are multifaith spaces  | See above   |
| Single faith prayer space      | Yes             | All can use the same spaces – they are not restricted to any specific faith or belief group |   |
| Designated Muslim prayer space | Yes             | See comments already made   |   |
| Quiet room / reflection space  | Yes             | Both sites have a quiet room which is accessible to all                                     |   |
| Meeting room space             | Yes             | The quiet room and chapel can be used for meetings if available                             |   |
| Counselling room space         | Yes             | as above, the quiet rooms can be used for counselling                                       |   |
| Other (please specify):        | Yes (see Below) |   |   |

Both sites have washing facilities for Muslims

There is a garden area at the back of the chapel at Tunbridge Wells.