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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 intra-operative cell salvage procedures.

*You asked:*

*Q1: Which sites within the trust perform intra-operative cell salvage procedures?*

*Q2: Which sites within the trust perform post-operative cell salvage procedures?*

*Q3: What is the name, contact details and the job title of the lead for cell salvage within either the trust or at each site within the trust if no single person has such responsibility?*

*Q4: How many cell salvage procedures were performed in 2021?*

*Q5: Which cell salvage apparatus (make, model and quantities and location) are currently used in sites performing cell salvage within the trust?*

*Q6: Which surgical specialties perform cell salvage (e.g. cardiac, orthopaedics etc)?*

Trust response:

Q1. The Trust has a machine on both our sites. Maidstone Hospital (MGH) and Tunbridge Wells Hospital (TWH).

Q2. We do not undertake Post-operative cell salvage within the trust

Q3. This role falls under the Lead Theatre Practitioner: Practice and Development Lead Practice Educator. 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.

Q4: 44 cases were undertaken, 33 of these were prepped for collection but not enough blood was collected. 11 cases were reinfused with an average amount of Vol PRC of 209.5 mls.

Q5: We have 2 x Fresenius Kabi Continuous Autotransfusion Systems (C.A.T.S) and appropriate disposables. One on each site.

Q6. Cell salvage is ready to use across all specialties undertaken with in the trust if required and the surgical procedure is not contraindicated. The primary request for usages is in Obstetrics, Trauma Orthopaedics and Elective Orthopaedics. It is requested for availability for Gynaecology, upper and lower GI primary if the patient is a Jehovah witness.