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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 Biomedical Science and Pathology agency usage

You asked:

1: Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving Biomedical Science/Pathology agency usage at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust?

2: Who are the managers responsible for agency approval for Pathology/Laboratory agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:

- Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry, and Blood Transfusion):*
- Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):*
- Cellular Pathology*

3: Please provide the contact numbers and email addresses in relation to question 1 and 2.

4: Have you used off-framework agency staff for Biomedical Science/Pathology between January 2021 and January 2022?

5: How much was your off-framework agency spend for each of the following departments between January 2021 and January 2022:

- (a) Blood Sciences (Haematology, Biochemistry and Blood Transfusion):*
- (b) Infectious Sciences (Microbiology, Virology, Molecular, Serology, COVID):*
- (c) Cellular Pathology*

6: How many roles were filled by off-framework agency workers between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

7: How many unfilled roles did you have between January 2021 and January 2022 for each of the departments outlined in question 5?

Trust response:

1. This role falls under the remit of the Chief Finance Officer Steve Orpin. The Trust Executive structure chart and details of the above position is available on the Trust website www.mtw.nhs.uk

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2 and 3. 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.

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4. No

5. Not applicable

6. Not applicable

7. Zero