



**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 Doctors mess.

You asked:

For the purposes of this FOI request a 'Doctors' Mess' is defined as a dedicated rest space, typically for the exclusive use of doctors. It does not include a rest space which is utilised by many different healthcare professions at once.

1. Is there a doctors' mess on site?

If the answer to question 1 is yes, then:

a) Is the doctors' mess funded by voluntary financial contributions from doctors? If not, how is it funded?

b) Which other members of the multidisciplinary team have access/make use of the doctors' mess, if any?

c) If other members of the MDT are allowed access to the doctors' mess do they make the same voluntary financial contributions as doctors in instances where the mess is funded by voluntary financial contributions?

d) If other members of the multidisciplinary team have access/make use of the doctors' mess, when was the decision to open access to other members of the MDT made and who made the decision to do so? An approximate date is acceptable for 'when', and a job title is acceptable for 'who'.

If the answer to question 1 is no and the trust previously had a doctor's mess:

e) What was the date of its closure? An approximate date is acceptable.

f) When in existence, how was the doctors' mess funded?

g) What was the space reallocated/repurposed into?

Lockers & Changing Facilities

2. Does the trust provide locker space for rotating junior doctors?

3. Does the trust have on-site changing facilities available to rotating junior doctors, excluding those facilities located in the theatre department? Please provide details of the facilities available.

Trust response:

1. Doctors Mess located on both Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells sites.

If the answer to question 1 is yes, then:

a) Voluntary financial contributions from doctors utilised for mess activities/supplies

b) Medical students

c) Financial contribution paid to each Mess by Medical Education

d) Historic arrangement agreement in place with Mess Presidents – date unknown

e), f) & g) – not applicable

2. There are staff lockers available at both Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells sites.

3. There are shower and changing facilities at both Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells sites.