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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 Sterile Services.

You asked:

- 1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Sterile Services at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust?*
- 2. Who is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) in the Sterile Services/Decontamination department at all hospitals associated with the Trust?*
- 3. Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in questions 1 and 2.*
- 4. Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2021 - March 2022 in Sterile Services?*
- 5. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Sterile Services between August 2021 and August 2022?*
- 6. Do you currently outsource your Sterile Services/Decontamination department, if yes, who do you outsource it to?*

Trust response:

1. The Trust considers the names and contact details requested exempt under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees. These members of staff are not of sufficient senior level where there is reasonable expectation that this information would be released into the public domain.

The Trust follows guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details. This role falls under the remit of the Chief people Officer. The Trust Executive structure chart and details of the above positions is available on the Trust website www.mtw.nhs.uk

To contact members of the board, please contact the Executive secretarial team on telephone 01622 226412.

2. Please see the response to Q1.

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4. No Agency staff used in this area for the internal part of sterile service support.

5. As above

6. Sterile Services is outsourced to In Health Sterile Services (IHSS)