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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 Covid Booster Informed Consent.

*You asked:*

*What steps you and your organisation will be taking to fulfil your ethical and legal obligations to ensure patient and staff submission to Covid vaccination is given with free, voluntary, and fully informed consent.*

Trust response:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not offer the booster vaccination to patients of the Trust.

Having the COVID-19 vaccine is not compulsory for Trust staff.

All Trust staff have been provided with details pertaining to the vaccine, together with a COVID-19 vaccination Frequently Asked Questions sheet.

This sheet contains information and links to guidance for, but not restricted to, pregnant or breastfeeding women, how mRNA vaccines work and patient safety leaflets.