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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 external Insourcing providers.

*You asked:*

*1. The name and email address of:*

*The General Manager that is responsible for each of the following clinical areas:*

- a. Endoscopy / Gastroenterology*
- b. Dermatology*
- c. Urology*
- d. Ophthalmology*
- e. ENT*
- f. Surgery*
- g. Rheumatology*
- h. Neurology*

*2. In the last 12 months, which external Insourcing providers have you used for the above services?*

*3. Do you have a contract with an external Insourcing provider of the above services and, if so, which company is the contract with?*

*4. If you have a contract with an Insourcing provider for any of the above services, for which service is it? When does it currently expire and when will it be reviewed?*

*5. If you have a contract with an Insourcing provider for Endoscopy Services, how much are you being charged per fully staffed room, per day?*

*6. If you have a contract with an Insourcing provider for Endoscopy Services, what days of the week do they operate and how many rooms do they staff?*

*7. What has been the spend by the Trust/Health Board in the last 12 months on Insourced Endoscopy Services?*

*8. Does the Trust/Health Board currently require insourced services (Full teams or Consultant / Nursing only) for any of the following clinical areas:*

- a. Endoscopy / Gastroenterology
- b. Dermatology
- c. Urology
- d. Ophthalmology
- e. ENT
- f. Surgery
- g. Rheumatology
- h. Neurology
- 9. Does the Trust/Health Board currently require specific insourced BCS (Bowel Cancer Screening) Services?
- 10. Does the Trust/Health Board currently require additional Endoscopy capacity (to purchase or rent) via a suitable external premises or JAG accredited Mobile / Modular Endoscopy Unit?
- 11. Does the Trust/Health Board wish to discuss a collaboration in respect of the construction of a new Endoscopy facility with Decontamination?

Trust response:

1. 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.

Details of our Clinically Led Organisation can be found on the trust website using the following link: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/clinically-led-organisation/>

Alternatively, from our website home page, click the About Us Tab, then the Clinically-led Organisation tab where you will find all the information.

2. In the last 12 months, which external Insourcing providers have you used for the above services?

- a. Endoscopy - Not applicable
- Gastroenterology – Not applicable
- b. Not applicable
- c. Not applicable
- d. Not applicable
- e. Not applicable
- f. Not applicable
- g. Not applicable
- h. Not applicable

3. Do you have a contract with an external Insourcing provider of the above services and, if so, which company is the contract with?

a. Endoscopy - Not applicable

Gastroenterology – Not applicable

b. Not applicable

c. Not applicable

d. Not applicable

e. Not applicable

f. Not applicable

g. Not applicable

h. Not applicable

4. If you have a contract with an Insourcing provider for any of the above services, for which service is it? When does it currently expire and when will it be reviewed?

a. Endoscopy – Not applicable

Gastroenterology – Not applicable

b. Not applicable

c. Not applicable

d. Not applicable

e. Not applicable

f. Not applicable

g. Not applicable

h. Not applicable

5. Not applicable

6. Not applicable

7. Not applicable

8. Does the Trust/Health Board currently require insourced services (Full teams or Consultant / Nursing only) for any of the following clinical areas:

a. Endoscopy – Not applicable

Gastroenterology – Not applicable

b. Not applicable

c. Not applicable

d. Not applicable

e. Not applicable

f. Not applicable

g. Not applicable

h. Not applicable

9. No

10. No

11. No