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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 the Clinical Waste Contract.

You asked:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the Clinical Waste Contract/s that your trust currently has in place.

The details we require are:

1. *Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages*
2. *Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date*
3. *Start date & duration of framework/contract?*
4. *Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?*
5. *Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?*
6. *Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?*
7. *Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?*
8. *Who is the Infection Control Lead responsible for the Trust + contact information?*
9. *Who is the Procurement Lead for Clinical Waste contracts for the Trust + contact information?*
10. *Who is the Environmental/Sustainability lead for the Trust + contact information*
11. *Who is the Waste management Lead for the trust + contact information*
12. *Who is the Health and Safety lead for the Trust + contact information?*
13. *Who is the Clinical waste incumbent?*

14. *Does the Trust make use of reusable or disposable sharps containers?*

Trust response:

1. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website WWW.MTW.NHS.UK Please enter clinical waste contract into the search box and the response will be shown. Alternatively, please use the following link: <http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Clinical-Waste-Contract.-251121.pdf>
2. Exemption 43 applied to this response.
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8. 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.

The Trust Executive structure chart is available on the Trust website www.mtw.nhs.uk and details of our Clinically Led Organisation can be found on the trust website using the following link: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Clinically-Led-Brochure-101022.pdf>

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

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