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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 Portable Bilirubin (jaundice) meters.

You asked:

Would it be possible to forward me the following information regarding your Community Midwife medical equipment?

- 1. What (if any) portable bilirubin meters they currently use to assess possible jaundice in babies? (Jaundice Meters)*
- 2. When were they purchased?*
- 3. How many were purchased?*
- 4. When will they be renewed or when does the current contract expire?*
- 5. Would it also be possible to obtain the contact details of the person dealing with managing the Bilirubin Meters (Jaundice meters) that the community midwife use?*

Trust response:

- The Trust uses portable bilirubin meters, one for Tunbridge Wells Community Teams located at Tunbridge Wells Hospital and one for the Maidstone Birth Centre (MBC)/Maidstone Community Teams located at MBC.
- March 2022
- Two
- Not known
- 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/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. This role falls under the Women's, Children's & Sexual Health Directorate.