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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 Consultant staffing in ENT.

*You asked:*

*Please could you let us know how many staff you have in the ENT department in each of the following categories:*

*1) Number of substantive consultants on the specialist registrar?*

*2) Number of unfilled substantive posts and if so, filled with:*

*Locum consultant (with CCT)*

*Locum consultant (without CCT)*

*Unfilled*

*Number of SAS doctors working at consultant level*

*3) Number of consultant posts likely to become vacant within 5 years (i.e. due to retirement etc.)*

*4) Number of middle grade posts and if so:*

*Specialist registrar (Numbered / Deanery approved)*

*Non-Training Grades*

*Fellow*

*MTI*

*Other*

Trust response:

Trust name	Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS
1) Number of substantive consultants on the specialist registrar?	5
2) Number of unfilled substantive posts and if so filled with:	
Locum (with CCT)	2
Locum (without CCT)	0
Unfilled	0

Number of SAS doctors working at consultant level	3
3) Number of consultant posts likely to become vacant within 5 years (i.e. due to retirement etc.)	0
4) Number of middle grade posts and if so:	
Specialist registrar (Numbered / Deanery approved)	5
Non-Training Grades	1
Fellow	0
MTI	0
Other	8
ENT department contact name	XX
ENT department contact email	XX

XX: 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.