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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 Agency Nursing.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
Please could you answer the following questions in relation to the trusts agency nursing usage in financial year 2022-2023*

- 1. How much in total did the trust spend on agency nursing supply?*
- 2. How was that total split between Community/ Acute/ Mental Health Nursing (please delete as appropriate)?*
- 3. Of the total spend, how much of it was spent with off-framework agencies?*
- 4. Who within the trust is responsible for reporting on off-framework usage?*

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 using the following link/s: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/recent-foi-responses/> the link should take you to the Data to Support FOI FAQ's page where you need to click on the Finance dropdown.

Alternatively, from our website home page, click the Freedom of Information Tab, then the Data to Support FOI FAQ's tab and then the Finance dropdown at the bottom of the page where you will find all the information. If the document does not open please copy and paste the link into your browser. Please note the spreadsheet takes some time to download.

This information is updated on a regular basis and is exempt under Section 22 of the Act.

2. We are unable to answer this question as we do not hold this information in this level of detail.
3. The Trust uses one off-framework agency whose details have already been made public. We are therefore applying Section 43 to this question.
4. 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 This role falls under the remit of the Chief People Officer.