

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 8385

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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 usage for the Physiotherapy department.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

*1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for the Physiotherapy department?*

*2. Who is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) in the Physiotherapy department at all hospitals associated with the Trust for the following areas within Physiotherapy?*

- Musculoskeletal*
- Community*
- Rehabilitation*
- Neurology*
- Paediatrics*
- Trauma and Orthopaedics*
- Acute Medical/Surgical/inpatient*
- Respiratory*

*3. Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in question 1 and 2.*

*4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Physiotherapy from June 2022-June 2023*

*5. What agencies were providing the Off-Framework services.*

Trust response:

1. The Procurement team fall under the remit of the Chief Finance Officer. 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. 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.

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4. The Trust does not use off-framework agencies for Physiotherapy.

5. Not applicable.