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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 Decontamination Services.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to request the answers to the below questions, in relation to your decontamination services at the hospital trusts.*

- 1) What is the age of the AER machines currently installed?*
- 2) What is the approximate year the AER machines will be replaced?*
- 3) What is the manufacturer/brand of the current AER machines?*
- 4) How many AER machines do you have across the sites?*
- 5) Are you happy with your current supplier or are you experiencing problems?*
- 6) How many scopes are you processing per week?*
- 7) What is the name and contact details of your decontamination manager?*
- 8) As part of your contingency planning during a decant, replacement or refurbishment, would you or have you considered using a mobile decontamination unit?*

Trust response:

1. 11yrs (TWH), 8yrs (MGH)
2. 2024 (TWH), 2026 (MGH)
3. Wassenburg
4. 4 twin chamber (TWH), 4 twin chamber (MGH)
5. Yes
6. 286 (TWH), 345 (MGH)
7. The Trusts Decontamination Manager role falls under the remit of the Director of Estates & Capital Development. Each of the local endoscopy units have decontamination leads these roles fall under the General Surgery Directorate. 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.

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 follows guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details.

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.

8. Yet to be explored, continued traceability will be re-processed product is essential.