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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 nurses.

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

1.
 - (a) *Who is the head of procurement that is responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?*
 - (b) *Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service ?*
2. *Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)*
3.
 - (a) *Can you please confirm the names of all OFF-Framework agencies currently supplying to your trust for the following staffing groups: Registered General Nurses (RGNs) & Registered Mental-health Nurses (RMNs), Accident & Emergency (A&E)/Intensive Therapy Unit (ITU) Nurses, Prison nurses and Theatre Nurses*
 - (b) *Secondly, Can you please confirm the volume of supply, by number of shifts filled and & shift type, by each OFF-Framework agency during October 1st 2023 – February 29th 2024*
4. *How much was your OFF-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between January 2024 – April 2024*
 - (a) *RGN's*
 - (b) *Chemotherapy Nurses*
 - (c) *RMN*
 - (d) *ITU Nurse*
 - (e) *A&E nurse*
 - (f) *Prison Nurses*
 - (g) *Theatre nurses*
 - (h) *Neonatal nurses*

Trust response:

1. & 2. 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 These roles fall under the remit of the Chief People Officer.

3.

(a) Thornbury.

(b) 76 nursing shifts

4. This question is exempt under Section 43 of the Act.