

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 8708

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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 Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums.

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

- 1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums?*
- 2. Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:*
 - (a) Physiotherapy*
 - (b) Occupational Therapy*
- 3. Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.*
- 4.. How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present?*
 - (a) Physiotherapy*
 - (b) Occupational Therapy*
- 5. Please provide the names of the agencies currently used by the Trust to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists – please include the % of shifts filled by each agency since January 2023.*
- 6. Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one?*
- 7: What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023?*

Trust response:

1. This role falls under the remit of the Chief People 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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Agency	Percentage
Maxx	30
MedicsPro	39
Sanctuary	8
Piers Meadow	8
Rig	1
Globe Locums	14

6. Allocate – 247 Time

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