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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 Consultant Locums.

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

1. Total Monthly Spend on Temporary Locums (Agency Staffing – Consultant Doctors Only NOT BANK LOCUMS) broken down into the following specialties and months of spend

Consultants Only

Cardiology

Dermatology

Gastroenterology

Haematology

Oncology

Respiratory

Radiology

ENT

Ophthalmology

2. Locum Agency providers – Please can you advise which locum agencies you use to fill the following areas.

Cardiology

Dermatology

Gastroenterology

Haematology

Oncology

Respiratory

Radiology

ENT

Ophthalmology

3. Department contact's – Please can you provide name or email address of the following departments, Rota Coordinator, Service Manager, Clinical Lead

Cardiology
Dermatology
Gastroenterology
Haematology
Oncology
Respiratory
Radiology
ENT
Ophthalmology

Trust response:

1. The Trust publishes details of all Bank and Agency spend along with the departments concerned broken down into the level of detail we are able to provide. 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. Details of all the agencies used by the Trust can be found on our website using the information provided in Q1. Further more detailed information would require the manual checking on invoices and would take us over the time allowed under the terms of the Act.

3. 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/2024/02/Our-clinically-led-structure.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.