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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 sedation monitoring in Intensive Care Units (ICU).

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

- 1. What is the percentage of beds occupied by mechanically ventilated patients, for the period April 2023-April 2024?*
- 2. What is the percentage of patients sedated with propofol when mechanically ventilated, for the period April 2023-April 2024?*
- 3. How frequently do you assess sedation level in a mechanically ventilated patient (average number of times per day)? (please can you provide a copy of your trust protocol)*
- 4. How frequently do you undertake sedation hold in a mechanically ventilated patient (average number of times per day)?*
- 5. Do you have a recommended daily sedation target / sedation depth target / optimum sedation target for mechanically ventilated patient?*
- 6. If yes, what measures are put in place to meet this target?*
- 7. What is the incidence of delirium in mechanically ventilated patients?*
- 8. How many times has the ICU reached critical capacity and elective activity has been impacted and had to be cancelled, for the period April 2023-April 2024?*
- 9. What is the percentage / number of registered ICU nurse(s) from bank/agency on any one shift?*
- 10. What is the average monthly spend on bank / agency ICU registered nurse(s), for the period April 2023-April 2024?*

Trust response:

1.
Tunbridge Wells (TWH) ICU
Non-invasive ventilatory support 126/672 (18.8)

Invasive ventilatory support 215/672 (32.0)

Maidstone ICU – 37.73%

2.

Tunbridge Wells ICU - 215/672 (32.0)

Maidstone ICU – 37.63%

3. Sedation is assessed hourly (GPICS 2022)

4. At least once a day (see attached guidance)

5. RASS -2 / 0 (see attached guidance)

6.

Guideline in place

Education

Supervision and support from Senior Staff

Discussed during ward rounds (2x day)

Audited +/- action plans

7. Incidence is not formally monitored – follow up clinics are available for patients

8. Nil cancelled elective activity across the 2 units.

9.

Agency = 0%

Bank 0-2 staff (average) per shift (own staff)

TWH <15% / Maidstone <25%

10.

TWH average £19k per month | year = £235,405 (Bank) / Agency £2,199 (RMN)

Maidstone average £18k per month | year = £216,000 (Bank).