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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 staffing.

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

- 1. How many hours were worked by temporary staff within Allied Health Professionals (AHP) and Health Science Services (HSS) between(Jan 2024 and December 2024)*
- 2. Can you provide a breakdown of the hours worked by temporary staff within each of the divisions/departments under AHP/HSS?*
- 3. Do you have a Master Vendor or Neutral Vendor to source AHP/HSS agency staff? If so, who is that contract with and when does it end?*
- 4. Who, within the Trust, is responsible for managing that contract and what is their job title?*
- 5. Which agency is the largest supplier of AHP/HSS agency staff to the Trust?*
- 6. Do you currently use an Insourcing provider for any of your AHP / HSS services and if so for what services and who oversees this contract*

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.

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3. Software cascade to a preferred supplier list.

4. 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. This role falls under the remit of the Chief People Officer.

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.

5. Day Webster with four placements.

6. This would depend on the meaning of 'insourcing'. In this context, we have assumed that you mean within the NHS. We contract Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) for Dysphasia SLT, where by a KCHFT staff member attends the ward and treats out patients.

A KCHFT podiatrist attends to see high risk diabetic patients at a joint clinic, and also attends the wards to see inpatients when required.

This is overseen by the Contracts Team within the finance department.