

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.042**  
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Thank you for your email received 13 May 2022 requesting information regarding decontamination and infection control.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

**Summary of your original request:**

- ***Does the Trust have a Decontamination Lead(s), and which site are they based?***

This is the 8C role Deputy DIPC. Based at Trinity House, Ashford  
We have an independent authorised engineer who does the dental engineering.  
We have a Decontamination lead for Dental.

- ***Can you provide an email address for the above contact?***

It is Trust policy to not release names and contact details of staff below Executive Director Level as this constitutes personal information which is exempt under Section 40(2) in conjunction with Section 40(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to 'Personal Information'.

An excerpt of the relevant Freedom of Information legislation can be found below:

**Section 40 – Personal information**

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

- (a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and
- (b) either the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.

(3a) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act

- (a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or
- (b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

However we are able to confirm that the Executive Director with overall responsibility for infection prevention and control is Mercia Spare – Chief Nurse, [mercia.spare@nhs.net](mailto:mercia.spare@nhs.net)

- ***Does the Trust have an Infection Control Lead(s), and which site are they based?***

IPC Lead Nurse, based at Trinity House, Ashford

- ***Can you provide an email address for the above contact?***

Exempt under Section 40 – Personal Information, please see above for full exemption.

Chair John Goulston Acting Chief Executive Gordon Flack

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- ***Does the Trust hold a regular Decontamination Risk Assessment Group meeting, and when was the last one undertaken?***

Medical devices & Clinical Procurement Governance group covers Decontamination element.  
Last meet 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

- ***Which other roles also attend the Decontamination Risk Assessment Group meeting?***

Medical Devices/ Procurement/ IPC & appropriate service Leads.