

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2022.143
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Thank you for your email received 25 August 2022 requesting information regarding clinical services.

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

Summary of your original request:

1. The name and email address of:

The General Manager that is responsible for each of the following clinical areas:

- a. **Endoscopy / Gastroenterology**
 - b. **Dermatology**
 - c. **Urology**
 - d. **Ophthalmology**
 - e. **ENT**
 - f. **Surgery**
 - g. **Rheumatology**
 - h. **Neurology**
- 2. In the last 12 months, which external Insourcing providers have you used for the above services?**
- 3. Do you have a contract with an external Insourcing provider of the above services and, if so, which company is the contract with?**
- 4. If you have a contract with an Insourcing provider for any of the above services, for which service is it? When does it currently expire and when will it be reviewed?**
- 5. If you have a contract with an Insourcing provider for Endoscopy Services, how much are you being charged per fully staffed room, per day?**
- 6. If you have a contract with an Insourcing provider for Endoscopy Services, what days of the week do they operate and how many rooms do they staff?**
- 7. What has been the spend by the Trust/Health Board in the last 12 months on Insourced Endoscopy Services?**
- 8. Does the Trust/Health Board currently require insourced services (Full teams or Consultant / Nursing only) for any of the following clinical areas:**
- a. **Endoscopy / Gastroenterology**
 - b. **Dermatology**
 - c. **Urology**
 - d. **Ophthalmology**
 - e. **ENT**
 - f. **Surgery**
 - g. **Rheumatology**
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- 9. Does the Trust/Health Board currently require specific insourced BCS (Bowel Cancer Screening) Services?**
- 10. Does the Trust/Health Board currently require additional Endoscopy capacity (to purchase or rent) via a suitable external premises or JAG accredited Mobile / Modular Endoscopy Unit?**
- 11. Does the Trust/Health Board wish to discuss a collaboration in respect of the construction of a new Endoscopy facility with Decontamination?**

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust is not commissioned to provide the clinical services detailed in your request, therefore we do not hold any of the information you have requested. These services would be provided by the trusts running the acute hospitals, so you will need to redirect your request to them. In Kent and Medway these are:

- Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust
- East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust
- Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust
- Medway NHS Foundation Trust

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Yours sincerely

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