

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.177
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Thank you for your email received 21 September 2022 requesting information regarding the Trust's lymphoedema service.

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

Summary of your original request:

We are looking to complete a business case with the aim of setting up a lymphoedema service in Hampshire. Kate and I are working with the Specialist nurse tissue viability service at Southern Health and the lymphoedema nurses at Southampton and Basingstoke.

I wonder if there is anyone in your service who would provide some information please.

For example:

What sort of area and population do you cover?

The Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust is one of the largest NHS community health providers in England, serving a population of about 1.4 million across Kent and 600,000 in East Sussex and London.

The Trust's (KCHFT) Lymphoedema Service covers the majority of Kent (Kent and Medway CCG). West Kent, East Kent, Medway and Swale.

The service is for Adults, patients have Primary or Secondary Lymphoedema affecting arms, legs, face and neck, genitals. Secondary to infections, obesity or cancer (node removal).

What staffing levels do you have and what banding?

Band 7 wte 1.6
Band 6 wte 9.0 and 1.0 vacancy
Band 4 wte 2.0 and 1.0 vacancy
Admin Band 3.8

Do you provide education to Practice nurses and other staff?

We are working on a Lymphoedema Link Nurse project at the moment, this will be for colleagues in Community Nursing and Wound Medicines Centres (KCHFT services) to support them with wound care and run monthly drop in meetings.

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Is your service separate from the tissue viability or wound care service?

We are a separate service from wound care and tissue viability.

Did you produce a business case and get funding from commissioners?

The Lymphoedema service has been in place for many years, going back to PCT days. It is unlikely that a business case was submitted.