

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.271
Released – 21 December 2022**

Thank you for your email received 16 December 2022 requesting information regarding clinical engineering.

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

Summary of your original request:

Can you advise where clinical engineering or Medical Engineering is based? Please and the number

The medical engineering team does not have a base, as such, because of a hybrid working model and the requirement for the team to be agile across the organisation. If you wish to contact them, please direct enquiries to:

The Medical Equipment Team
Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust
The Oast, Hermitage Court
Hermitage Lane, Maidstone
Kent, ME16 9NT
01622 211900

Can you also provide the email address for the head of the department

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.

Chair John Goulston Chief Executive Mairead McCormick

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We can confirm that the Executive Director with overall responsibility for this is Mercia Spare – Chief Nurse, mercia.spare@nhs.net