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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 52807 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Use of Genealogy Services for Next of Kin Tracing

Your request is set out below:

1. Does your NHS Trust use a professional genealogy or heir tracing service to locate next of kin in any of the following circumstances:
 - Where an individual has died intestate or with no known next of kin;
 - Where the NHS Trust or local authority has arranged a public health funeral under its statutory duties?
2. If so, please could you provide the name(s) of the genealogy firm(s) or individual genealogist(s) your authority has used for this purpose in the past five years?
3. If your Trust maintains a list or panel of approved genealogists or firms for such services, I would also like to request information on how my firm can apply to be considered for inclusion on that list.
4. If you do not work with genealogist, can you confirm that should you be unable to locate next of kin, you then refer details straight to the Treasury Solicitor without the involvement of any professional genealogist?
5. Please advise if any details or estates have been passed to the Treasury Solicitor since 1st July 2025.

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust are commissioned to provide Mental Health support and treatment. As a result, we are unable to assist in your request.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely
On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department

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