Freedom of Information Request

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*Note to Applicant: As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

1. Does your organisation contribute to Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) arrangements within your local area?
Response: The EPUT Health Visiting Children Service has a team of co-located workers in the Southend Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub working alongside our partners in social care and the police.
We do not have anyone from EPUT sitting within the Thurrock MASH but we assist with the screening of referrals. They send over information and we check whether the relevant individual is or has been known to EPUT.

2. Where there are multiple MASH arrangements within the geographical area that your organisation covers does your organisation contribute to all MASHs?
Yes we contribute to both MASH arrangements within the geographical area.

There are MASH arrangements in both of the unitary authorities that we provide services for in Essex and our children services team in Southend contribute to the team. The mental health team assist the Thurrock MASH with the screening but they do it virtually.
The Head of Safeguarding for Mental Health and Head of Safeguarding for Children sit on both Local Safeguarding Boards for the two areas where MASH arrangements are in place. Scrutiny and assurance regarding the MASH arrangements is part of the business of the Local Safeguarding Board.

3. How many staff does your organisation employ within your Trust Safeguarding Team?
Within the Children’s Safeguarding team headcount there are 4 clinicians and 3 administrators. In the mental health safeguarding team there are 8 clinicians and 3 administrators.
4. What are the job titles of all staff within the Trust Safeguarding Team?
   Head of Safeguarding Mental Health
   Head of Safeguarding Children
   Named Nurse for Children
   2x Clinical Specialists for Safeguarding Children
   7 Clinical Specialist Safeguarding
   2 x PA to Safeguarding teams
   1x Mental Capacity Act/Deprivation of Liberty Administrator
   3x Safeguarding Administrators

5. What are the pay grades of all the staff within the Trust Safeguarding Team?
   2 x Heads of Safeguarding Band 8B
   Named Nurse Band 8A
   2x Clinical Specialists for children Band 7
   7 Clinical Specialist Safeguarding Band 7
   2 x PA Band 4
   1x Mental Capacity Act/Deprivation of Liberty Administrator Band 4
   3x safeguarding children and adults administrators Band 3