

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:

For the following A Better Start (ABS) wards in Southend-on-Sea listed below:

Milton; West Shoebury; Westborough; Shoeburyness; Victoria; Kursaal

Would you be kind enough to provide our research evaluation team (the Warwick Consortium evaluation of A Better Start, led by the University of Warwick), the following information about your health visiting services please?

Provider

1. Who provides health visiting services in your local authority? Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

Structure of services

2. Please could you outline the structure of health visiting teams in your local authority in terms of:

- Total number of teams in the local authority; 4
- Where they are based (e.g. GP surgery, children's centre); Primary Care Centres (2). Some GP's are based in these centres
- How their patch is defined (e.g. ward, GP surgery etc.); Geographical boundary and GP attachment.
- The standard staffing structure of an individual team. Team Leader, HV's, Health Visitor Assistants, Admin. There is a specialist HV for the homeless who works across the locality and there are 2 band 5 posts who support the teams

3. Do health visiting services in ABS wards vary from this in any way? We are introducing a 3-4 month intervention around healthy eating and nutrition

Workforce

4. Please could you indicate the total number of WTE health visitors in: 32.2 wte. This includes the team leaders and specialists. 2.41wte of this establishment do not work with a clinical caseload but work in the LA on the MARAT and MASH+ teams

- The local authority as a whole; As above
- ABS wards (if it is possible to distinguish in this way) We do not separate out the team

5. What is the average caseload for a WTE health visitor in: Approx 400 children

- The local authority as a whole; As above
- ABS ward (if it is possible to distinguish in this way). As Above

Visits structure

6. Please outline the

The service delivers the 5 mandated visits:

Ante-natal contact after 28 weeks

New birth visit

6-8 week visit

Under 1 year assessment

2-2 ½ year assessment