

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

We submitted an FOI request to Southend Borough Council, and were advised to contact Essex Partnership University Foundation NHS Trust as the Council does not hold the information that we requested. I understand that the Trust no longer provides Health Visiting services for Southend Borough Council, but did so for the time period we are considering.

We are writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Essex Partnership University Foundation NHS Trust.

Regarding the clinical staff in your health visiting teams, on 1st February of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019:

1. Which local authorities do you provide health visitors for?

Until 31st March 2016 – The Trust provided health visiting services for West Essex and South East Essex (Castle Point and Rochford) in Essex.

1st April 2016 – 31st March 2019 the Trust provided health visiting services to Southend for Southend Borough Council.

The Trust employs specialist health visitors within our targeted Children's Services. These are not commissioned by Local Authorities but are commissioned by CCG/Third Sector.

2. How many whole time equivalent clinical staff (with caseloads) coded as health visitors, by NHS pay band, were employed in your health visiting teams? Please provide this information for each local authority you provide services for:

The Trust no longer holds this data since Southend Council transferred over in-house on 31 March 2019, and Castle Point and Rochford and West Essex transferred to Virgin Healthcare on 31 March 2017. You will need to contact them direct for this information.

The Trust only holds data for specialist health visitors within our targeted Children's Services. As noted these are not commissioned by Local Authorities but are commissioned by CCG/Third Sector.

3. How many whole time equivalent clinical staff (with caseloads) who are NOT coded as health visitors, by NHS pay band, were employed in your health visiting teams? Please provide this information for each local authority you provide services for.

Please see response provided to question 2.

4. Currently, who is the responsible manager for the health visiting service? Please also provide their email address

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- If you are unable to provide data for 1st February, please provide it for the nearest available date and advise what this date is.
- For your answers, please either use the NHS Digital definition of health visitor or alternatively provide the definition that you are using in your answer.

Definitions:

Definition used by NHS Digital re. Health visitors (notes 28 and 29 from the nursing, midwifery and health visiting staff matrix of Occupation Code Manual):

28. Please ensure to code the following as Health Visitors:

- * qualified nurses/midwives who also hold a qualification as a Registered Health Visitor under the Specialist Community Public Health Nursing part of the NMC Register working directly with children and families;
- * qualified and registered Health Visitors who perform specific activities such as providing breastfeeding advice to parents;
- * family nurses working within the Family Nurse Partnership Programme who are qualified and registered as Health Visitors;
- * Sure Start Children's Centre qualified and registered named Health Visitors;
- * managers within a Health visiting team who hold a health visiting qualification and registration and are involved in clinical work or safeguarding.

29. Please ensure that the following employees are not coded as Health Visitors:

- * any person working in a health visiting team who does not hold a qualification and registration as a Health Visitor;
- * any person who holds a qualification and registration as a Health Visitor but is not employed in a role where this is a requirement;
- * managers within a health visiting team who hold health visiting qualification and registration but are not involved in clinical work or safeguarding.

Please see below the general definition for 'health visitor' from the Occupation Code Manual:

Health Visitor: an employee who holds a qualification as a Registered Health Visitor under the Specialist Community Public Health Nursing part of the NMC Register and who occupies a post where such a qualification is a requirement. Not below Agenda for Change Band 6.

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