

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

This request relates to **West Essex** as you informed us [previously] that the Trust provided Health Visiting services for this area up until March 2017.

Regarding the clinical staff in your health visiting teams for West Essex on 1st February of 2016 and 2017:

1. How many whole time equivalent clinical staff (with caseloads) coded as health visitors, were employed in your health visiting teams? Please provide this information broken down by NHS pay band.
2. How many whole time equivalent clinical staff (with caseloads) who are NOT coded as health visitors were employed in your health visiting teams? Please provide this information broken down by NHS pay band.
3. What was the caseload (no. of children under-5 years of age) of your health visiting teams for West Essex? (also on 1st February of 2016, 2017)
4. Who was responsible manager for the health visiting service? Please also provide their email address.

**Please use our attached template.**

### Regarding the questions above:

- Please provide the information in tabular electronic form (e.g. excel, word, or txt file) in the attached format.
- 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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**Response:**

On 31 March 2017, the Trust's health visiting service was transferred to another provider; therefore we do not hold the above information other than the staffing figures enclosed.

Any future requests for the above information needs to be directed at the new provider, Virgin Healthcare.

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