

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2021.887
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Thank you for your email dated 5 July 2021 requesting information regarding paediatric audiology.

Please find detailed below a summary of your original request together with our response.

Original request

What hospitals your NHS Trust covers –

Within Paediatric Audiology we run services from Orchards Centre in Sittingbourne, Heathside Centre in Coxheath, Sevenoaks Community Hospital and Gravesham Community Hospital.

***Name of the Service Manager/Head of the Paediatric Audiology Dept for each
Telephone contact for the Service Manager/Head
Email address for the Service Manager/Head***

It is Trust policy to not release names and contact details of staff below Executive Director Level as this constitutes personal information which is exempt under Section 40(2) in conjunction with Section 40(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to 'Personal Information'.

An excerpt of the relevant Freedom of Information legislation can be found below:

Section 40 – Personal information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

- (a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and*
- (b) either the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.*

(3a) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act

- (a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or*
- (b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.*

We can however confirm that the Executive Director responsible for paediatric audiology is Pauline Butterworth – Chief Operating Officer, pauline.butterworth@nhs.net

Chairman John Goulston Chief Executive Paul Bentley

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