

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-013**

Date 22 March 2018

By Email

Dear Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

1. Do you have an audiological scientist department?

We do not have an audiological scientist department at this Trust. We do however have audiological scientists who work in the paediatric audiology department.

2. Do you have a technical audiology department?

We do not have a technical audiology department at this Trust. We do however have audiologists, previously called audiology technicians, who work in the paediatric audiology department.

3. Do you treat adults?

No

4. Do you treat children?

Yes

5. How many attendances did you have in your Hearing Service Department in

2016/17 (full year)	8016 for audiology 1443 for joint ENT/audiology clinic
2017/18 year to date (April – Nov 2017 if possible)	5358 for audiology 962 for joint ENT/audiology clinic

6. Are the departments managed under one management structure or separate management structures?

We do not have an audiological scientist or technical audiology department at this Trust. We do however have audiological scientists who work in the paediatric audiology department.

7. Please list all clinical staff within the department by profession and grade (excluding medical staff) using the table below.

Staff AfC Bands	Profession (Audiologist or Audiological Scientist, Other profession, ie Speech & Language Therapists or Hearing Therapist)	Number of staff (wte)
8b	Audiological Scientist	1.0
7	Audiological Scientist	3.07
7	Audiologist	1.19
6	Audiologist	2.52
5	Audiologist	1.0
3	Audiology Assistant	2.16

8. Do you provide the following services (Yes / No):

Tinnitus	No
Bone conduction implants	Yes
Cochlear implants	Yes
Electrophysiology – • Hearing • Balance	Yes No

9. Who leads the above services, for example, Audiologist, Scientist, Manager and specific WTE and grade of service lead. How many staff do you have in each condition, please specify number and grades.

Tinnitus	Not applicable
Bone conduction implants	Co-ordinated in paediatrics by the cochlear implant co-ordinator
Cochlear implants	Paediatric cochlear implant co-ordinator is an audiological scientist
Electrophysiology – Hearing	Audiological Scientist (also head of paediatric audiology)
Electrophysiology - Balance	Not applicable
Other (Please state)	Not applicable

We are unable to confirm the WTE or grade of service for staff providing care in each of the above services as the clinical staff in paediatric audiology work in more than one area.

10. When you advertise for a job do you differentiate between audiologists and scientists?

When advertising for a job, we usually advertise for a clinical scientist (audiology) / audiologist and specify the qualifications needed.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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