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Subject: Details of hearing loss diagnosis

Q1 How many children were diagnosed with hearing loss at your trust over the last 10 years?

A1 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data. In order to ascertain the data, the Trust would be required to access personal data of the individuals and as such the data is exempt under Section 40: Personal data.

Q2 Of the total number of children diagnosed with hearing loss in the last ten years, how many were diagnosed from each of the following age groups:

- i. Under 2
- ii. Under 5
- iii. Under 10
- iv. Under 15
- v. Under 18

A2 Information not held – as per A1

Q3 Of the total number of children diagnosed with hearing loss in the last ten years, how many were diagnosed with each of the following types of hearing loss?

- i. Conductive Hearing Loss
- ii. Sensorineural Hearing Loss
- iii. Mixed Hearing Loss
- iv. Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder

A3 Information not held – as per A1

Q4 Does your NHS Trust have a target timeframe for diagnosis for hearing loss?

A4 No

Q5 What number of children diagnosed with hearing loss received their diagnosis during this timeframe?

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Q6 What is the average time elapsed between initial testing and diagnosis of hearing loss in children?

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Q7 Does your Trust also have an audiology department?

Yes/No

A7 Yes

Q8 Could you please provide information on the minimum training and qualifications required for staff working in your audiology department?

A8 For Audiologists: BSc in Healthcare Science (Audiology) OR (BAAT) – professional exams parts I and II
BTEC in medical Physics and Physiological Measurements (MPPM) Professional Registration with appropriate body (RCCP/AHCS state registration)