

Freedom of Information Request: 0442 2019/20

We are writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust. We sent a similar request to Solihull Council and were advised to contact you, as they informed us that Health Visiting services were provided by the Heart of England NHS Trust (pre-merger) for the years 2016 and 2017.

In addition, I was wondering whether University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust provides/has provided Health Visitors for other Councils too? Just in case, I have included references to the years 2016-2019 and other local authorities.

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

Please note that Health Visiting services were transferred to South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust in September 2017 – if you wish to approach South Warwickshire NHS FT for further information please visit their website <https://www.swft.nhs.uk/about-us/contact-us>

- 1. Which local authorities do you provide health visitors for? Solihull Council up to September 2017**
- 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.**

Please see attached spreadsheet

- 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.**

None

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

Not Applicable as UHB no longer provides this service

Regarding the questions above:

- Please provide the information in tabular electronic form (e.g. excel, word, or txt file) of the following format: Please see the attached spreadsheet

				number of whole time equivalent health visitors in health visiting teams					number of whole time equivalent other clinical staff (NOT coded as health visitors) in health visiting teams				
local authority	date	providers	providers contact	band 4	band 5	band 6	band 7	band 8	band 4	band 5	band 6	band 7	band 8
	01/02/2016												
	01/02/2017												
	01/02/2018												
	01/02/2019												

- 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.