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Date: 8/9/23

Address / Email:

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

I am writing regarding an FOI data request for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust about hearing loss diagnosis in children. Please find all relevant questions in the attached document and we look forward to receiving the data within 20 working days.

Q1	Q1.a	Q1.b
How many children were diagnosed with hearing loss at your trust over the last 10 years?	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	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
<i>This data is not collated</i>	<i>See response to question 1</i>	<i>See response to question 1</i>

	Q 2.a: If Yes to Q2	Q3
Does your NHS Trust have a target timeframe for diagnosis for hearing loss?  Yes	What number of children diagnosed with hearing loss received their diagnosis during this timeframe?	What is the average time elapsed between initial testing and diagnosis of hearing loss in children?
<i>RTT Pathway</i>	<i>See response to question 1</i>	<i>See response to question 1</i>

Q4	Q4.a: If Yes to Q4
<p>Does your Trust also have an audiology department?</p> <p>Yes/No</p>	<p>Could you please provide information on the minimum training and qualifications required for staff working in your audiology department?</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>Assistant Technical Officers – Band 2/3 – Level 2 Healthcare Science Assistant with an emphasis in Audiology</p>
	<p>Audiologists – BSc in Healthcare Science (Audiology) and registered with a professional body.</p>

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**

