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Date: 7th September 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

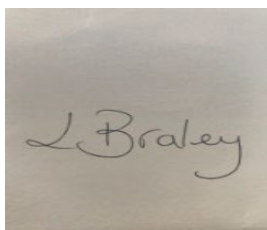
- 1. How many children were diagnosed with hearing loss at your trust over the last 10 years?**
- 2. Of the total number of children diagnosed with hearing loss in the last ten years, how many were diagnosed from each of the following age groups:**
 - i. Under 2**
 - ii. Under 5**
 - iii. Under 10**
 - iv. Under 15**
 - v. Under 18**
- 3. 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**
- 4. Does your NHS Trust have a target timeframe for diagnosis for hearing loss? Yes/No**
- 5. What number of children diagnosed with hearing loss received their diagnosis during this timeframe?**
- 6. What is the average time elapsed between initial testing and diagnosis of hearing loss in children?**
- 7. Does your Trust also have an audiology department? Yes/No**

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

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L Braley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

Lynne Braley
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