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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-64
Subject: Request on Balance/Vestibular Services

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **22/01/2026** where you requested information about **Request on Balance/Vestibular Services.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer
Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following recorded information held by the Trust regarding balance/vestibular services. For the purposes of this request, "audiologist" includes clinical scientists, healthcare scientists, and practitioners working in audiology at any grade (including those specialising in balance/vestibular assessment).	Please find attached
1. Balance / vestibular service provision a) How many balance or vestibular clinics does the Trust currently operate within the audiology department alone and within the ENT department b) Where balance/vestibular assessments are provided within a wider service rather than via a standalone clinic, please indicate this.	
2. Employment of audiologists How many audiologists are currently employed by the Trust that are active in offering vestibular assessment at the date of this request (headcount and FTE, if held)? How many audiologists are currently employed by the Trust that are active in offering vestibular rehabilitation at the date of this request (headcount and FTE, if held)?	

3. Workforce needs – current Does the Trust hold assessment, workforce plan, or internal analysis relating to the number of audiologists required to meet current service demand? If so, please provide that assessment.	
4. Workforce needs – future Does the Trust hold any assessment, workforce plan, or projection relating to future audiology workforce needs? for example, 3 years, 5 years, or 10 years). If so, please provide that/those assessments.	
5. Long-term planning Does the Trust hold any assessment or modelling of audiology (including balance/vestibular) workforce or service needs looking ahead 10 years or more? If so, please provide that/those assessments.	

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Department. It would be helpful to quote the above reference number in any future communication.

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Yours sincerely,

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