Dear [name]

I am writing to respond to your request sent on the 6 June 2016 and apologize that it has taken us time to provide a response to you. OUH can confirm that it holds the data that you requested.

Currently there is one registered children’s nurse across anaesthetics and recovery. We are trying to actively recruit children’s nurses to recovery and do not always have a children’s trained nurse on duty. Children’s services are aware of this. Children’s theatres are based in the children’s hospital and the wards are on the other side of a corridor. Some community dental and plastics procedures are carried out on our Horton site. If any guidance is required the wards are contacted for advice. Paediatric recovery and anaesthetic competencies have been developed which all nurse and ODPs must complete and be deemed competent in before caring for children. All Anaesthetics and Recovery staff are trained in the minimum of ILS (intermediate life support).

Please note that on 1 November 2011 the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust (ORH) merged with the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust (NOC) to form the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust (OUH). Our response reflects these changes. Therefore, we consider that Oxford University Hospitals Trust has released to you all of the information that it holds in relation to your request.
Hello,

In a bid to improve our recruitment and retention of staff, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

- How many registered children’s nurses (WTE) do you have working across your theatre recovery areas?

- Does your staffing meet the level stated in the RCN 2013 – Defining staffing levels for children and young people’s services guideline


“At all times there should be a minimum of one registered children’s nurse on duty in recovery areas… with two children’s nurses for children’s lists to ensure one nurse per patient in the immediate post-operative period.”

- What is your staff turnover rate for staff within recovery?