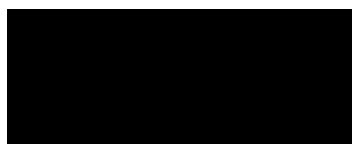




Our ref: 73545861  
29 April 2025



Thank you for the Freedom of Information Request you have made. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by the Trust and our response is detailed below.

## **(1) Confirmation of Accreditation**

**Has Birmingham Children's Trust formally achieved accreditation under NHS Digital's DCB1596 Secure Email Standard, in accordance with the requirements outlined by NHS Digital's Data Security Centre?**

Birmingham Children's Trust (The Trust) is not accredited under NHS Digital's DCB1596 Secure Email Standard.

Please note that the Birmingham Children's Trust email security system is secure and uses industry standard TLS encryption.

## **(2) Accreditation Details**

- \* **The date on which accreditation was granted.**
- \* **The specific email domain(s) accredited under DCB1596.**
- \* **Confirmation as to whether these domains have been submitted to NHS Digital for inclusion on the Care Identity Email Domain Allow List, as outlined under NHS Digital guidance:**  
<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/nhsmail/the-secure-email-standard>

N/A

## **(3) Disclosure of Documentation**

**Copies of all documentation submitted to NHS Digital for the purposes of accreditation, including:**

- \* **Self-accreditation statements (required under the DCB1596 accreditation process)**
  - \* **Supporting evidence**
  - \* **All relevant correspondence with NHS Digital relating to this matter**
- The NHS Secure Email Standard (DCB1596) is a mandated specification under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 for organisations handling confidential health and care information. NHS Digital requires either full accreditation or adherence to a recognised provider (e.g., NHSmail, Office 365 with NHS validation). As of today's date, Birmingham Children's Trust does not appear on**

**the NHS Digital Care Identity Service's published list of accredited email domains, raising significant concerns regarding public statements and ongoing compliance.**

N/A

Please quote the reference number **73545861** in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with our response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days from the date this authority issued its initial response. Please outline which part of the response you are not happy with setting out your reasons. This request should be addressed to:

Corporate Information Governance Team  
PO Box 16366  
Birmingham  
B2 2YY  
Email: [infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied with the Birmingham Children's Trust's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.



**Disclosure Officer**

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