

SECRET RECORDING AUTHORISERS

For Factual and News & Current Affairs Programmes

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| CCOG/CONTENT MARKETING | <p>Refer proposal first to: Head Editorial Standards Chris Parker</p> <p><u>Authorisers:</u> Heads of Marketing for BBC:-</p> <p>One: Faye Jones Two, Three & Four: Niki Carr Scripted Content: Faye Jones Unscripted Content: Niki Carr News: Christine Woodman Sport: James Parry Radio: Max Buckland Sounds: Claire Jullien iPlayer: Kerry Moss Children's Leanne Johnson</p> <p>Authorisers where programme is on the MRPL: Director, Content Marketing Paul Davies</p> <p>Head of News Marketing Christine Woodman</p> | As in-house |

CONTENT

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| BBC Three Short form or daily content that is <u>not</u> commissioned by one of the genres above (e.g. | Controller, BBC Three Fiona Campbell | As in-house |

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| Factual / Current Affairs etc.). | | |
| Children's and Education | <u>Refer proposal first to:</u> Head Editorial Standards Catherine McAllister <u>Authorisers:</u> Director, Children's and Education Patricia Hidalgo Head of Education Commissioning Helen Foulkes | As in-house |
| Comedy | Not applicable | Controller, Comedy Commissioning Jon Petrie |
| Current Affairs | Not applicable | Deputy Head of Current Affairs Jim Gray |
| Daytime | Not applicable | Controller, Daytime Rob Unsworth |
| Drama | Not applicable | Commissioning Director, Drama Lindsay Salt |
| Entertainment inc. Factual Entertainment | Not applicable | Controller, Ents Commissioning Kate Phillips |
| Factual Programmes inc. Features | Not applicable | Senior Head of Commissioning Clare Sillery |
| Sport | Head TV Sport Philip Bernie Head Sport News & Radio Sport Stephen Mawhinney | As in-house |

ENGLAND

| DEPARTMENT | AUTHORISERS (in-house commissions) | AUTHORISERS (independent commissions) |
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| England | Head of Editorial Standards Tim Burke Director of Production, BBC Local Jason Horton | Not Applicable |

NEWS

| DEPARTMENT | AUTHORISERS (in-house commissions) | AUTHORISERS (independent commissions) |
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| Digital Output | Digital Output & Development, Digital Director, BBC News Naja Nielsen Reporting to Naja: Digital News Editor (Executive News Editor), BBC News Stuart Millar Digital Development Editor (Executive News Editor), BBC News Nathalie Malinarich Executive Editor Social News, BBC News Jeremy Skeet | |
| International Services WS Commissions | Deputy Head, Current Affairs Jim Gray (Joanna Carr can authorise in Jim's absence) Head of Journalism, LFA, Current Affairs Emma Rippon | Controller WS English Jon Zilka Senior Commissioner Gwenan Roberts |

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| WS Languages | <p>Controller World Service Language Tarik Kafala</p> <p>(News Executive Hilary Bishop can authorise in Tarik's absence)</p> <p>News Controller, WS Content Languages Fiona Crack</p> <p>Executive Editor, Longform Content WS Languages Liz Gibbons</p> | |
| News Content | <p>Director, News Content Richard Burgess</p> <p>Executive Editor, UK News Content Ravin Sampat</p> <p>Managing Editor Philippa Busby</p> | |
| <p>News Output and Commissioning</p> <p>TV / Radio / World Service English Current Affairs</p> <p>World Service English News & Newsbeat</p> <p>World Service News</p> | <p>Deputy Head, Current Affairs Jim Gray (Joanna Carr can authorise in Jim's absence)</p> <p>World Service English Controller Jon Zilka (notifying Liliane Landor for World Service English News)</p> <p>Executive News Editor, Global Commissioning Liz Gibbons</p> | |

NORTHERN IRELAND

| DEPARTMENT | AUTHORISERS (in-house commissions) | AUTHORISERS (independent commissions) |
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| Current Affairs | (Interim) Head of News & Current Affairs Damien Magee Editor, Spotlight (Gwyneth Jones can authorise for gathering purposes but Damien Magee must authorise broadcast) | Senior Head of Content Commissioning Eddie Doyle |
| News | (Interim) Head of News & Current Affairs Damien Magee | (Interim) Head of News & Current Affairs Damien Magee |
| Production | Senior Head of Content Production Emma Dunseith | Senior Head of Content Commissioning Eddie Doyle |
| Radio | Senior Head of Content Production Emma Dunseith | Senior Head of Content Commissioning Eddie Doyle |

RADIO

| DEPARTMENT | AUTHORISERS (in-house commissions) | AUTHORISERS (independent commissions) |
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| BBC Audio | Controller Graham Ellis Senior Head of Content Production (BBC Audio North) Gill Farrington Head Factual and Drama Robert Ketteridge Head Daily Factual Ruth Gardiner Head Factual Bristol Clare McGinn | Not Applicable |

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| BBC Ideas | Editor Ideas Bethan Jinkinson | |
| BBC Sounds | Controller Jonathan Wall Commissioning Editors Dylan Haskins Louise Katterhorn | |
| Music (including Radio 1, Radio 2, Radio 3, Radio 6, I Xtra, Asian Network) | BBC Director, Music Lorna Clarke | As in-house |
| Radio 1 / I Xtra / Asian | Head R1 Aled H Jones Head R1x Dari Samuels Head Asian Ahmed Hussain Editor, Newsbeat and Asian Network Danielle Dwyer Deputy Editor, Newsbeat and Asian Network Julian Vaccari Content Editor, Radio 1 Nichola Ntim | As in-house |
| Radio 2 (excluding News) | Head R2 Helen Thomas | As in-house |
| Radio 3 (excluding News) | Refer to Radio HQ | As in-house |
| Radio 4 (excluding News) | Controller (in-house) Graham Ellis Head Factual and Drama Robert Ketteridge Head Daily Factual Ruth Gardiner Head Factual Bristol Clare McGinn | BBC Director, Speech Mohit Bakaya Deputy Eleanor Garland Commissioning Editors Alison Hindle Daniel Clarke Rhian Roberts Roger Mahony Richard Knight Sioned William |

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| Radio 5Live | Controller Heidi Dawson Managing Editor Julie Cullen Commissioning Editor Richard Maddock Director, News Programmes John McAndrew | As in-house |
| Radio 6 | Head R6 Samantha Moy | As in-house |
| Radio HQ | Head of Editorial Standards Fergus Dudley | As in-house |

SCOTLAND

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| BBC Scotland | Director Hayley Valentine in Director's absence: Head of News and Current Affairs Howard Simpson | As in-house |

STUDIOS

| DEPARTMENT | AUTHORISERS (BBC commissions) | AUTHORISERS (Independent commissions) |
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| Audio | Head of Genre Richard Knight | |
| Digital News and Streaming | SVP Content Creation & Acquisition Cassian Harrison | |
| Distribution | Head of Editorial Standards Anthony Worrall | |

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| UK Entertainment | Director of Production Harriet Dormer | As in-house |
| International Production | Managing Director Matt Forde | |
| Kids and Family | Managing Director Cecilia Persson | |
| Scripted | President, Scripted Mark Linsey | |
| Specialist Factual | Head of Genre Alan Holland | As in-house |
| The Documentary Unit | Head of Genre Georgia Mosley | As in-house |
| The Natural History Unit | Head of the NHU Jonny Keeling | As in-house |
| The One Show / Morning Show | Executive Editor Emma Morris | As in-house |
| The Science Unit | Head of Science Unit Andrew Cohen | As in-house |
| UKTV | Director of Commissioning Hilary Rosen | |

WALES

| DEPARTMENT | AUTHORISERS (in-house commissions) | AUTHORISERS (independent commissions) |
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| BBC Wales | Head of Corporate Affairs & Public Policy Rhys Evans In the absence of Head of Corporate Affairs & Public Policy: Head of People, Culture and Partnerships Sian Gwynedd Head of Commissioning BBC Wales Nick Andrews | As in-house |