

SECRET RECORDING AUTHORISERS

For Factual and News & Current Affairs Programmes

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CCOG - CHIEF CUSTOMER OFFICER GROUP

DEPARTMENT	AUTHORISERS (in-house commissions)	AUTHORISERS (independent commissions)
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

Factual / Current Affairs etc.).		
Children's and Education	<p><u>Refer proposal first to:</u> Head Editorial Standards Catherine McAllister</p> <p><u>Authorisers:</u> Director, Children's and Education Patricia Hidalgo</p> <p>Head of Education Commissioning Helen Foulkes</p>	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	<p>Head TV Sport Philip Bernie</p> <p>Head Sport News & Radio Sport Stephen Mawhinney</p>	As in-house

ENGLAND

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

NEWS

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

<p>WS Languages</p>	<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>	
<p>News Content</p>	<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)
Current Affairs	<p>(Interim) Head of News & Current Affairs Damien Magee</p> <p>Editor, Spotlight (Gwyneth Jones can authorise for gathering purposes but Damien Magee must authorise broadcast)</p>	<p>Senior Head of Content Commissioning Eddie Doyle</p>
News	<p>(Interim) Head of News & Current Affairs Damien Magee</p>	<p>(Interim) Head of News & Current Affairs Damien Magee</p>
Production	<p>Senior Head of Content Production Emma Dunseith</p>	<p>Senior Head of Content Commissioning Eddie Doyle</p>
Radio	<p>Senior Head of Content Production Emma Dunseith</p>	<p>Senior Head of Content Commissioning Eddie Doyle</p>

RADIO

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

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, IExtra, Asian Network)	BBC Director, Music Lorna Clarke	As in-house
Radio 1 / IExtra / 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

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

DEPARTMENT	AUTHORISERS (in-house commissions)	AUTHORISERS (independent commissions)
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)
Audio	Head of Genre Richard Knight	
Digital News and Streaming	SVP Content Creation & Acquisition Cassian Harrison	
Distribution	Head of Editorial Standards Anthony Worrall	

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)
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