

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

### CONTENT

DEPARTMENT	AUTHORISERS (in-house commissions)	AUTHORISERS (independent commissions)
<b>BBC Three</b> Short form or daily content that is <u>not</u> commissioned by one of the genres above (e.g. Factual / Current Affairs)	<b>Controller, BBC Three</b> Fiona Campbell	As in-house

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

## ENGLAND

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

## NEWS

DEPARTMENT	AUTHORISERS (in-house commissions)	AUTHORISERS (independent commissions)
<b>AI Innovation &amp; Growth</b>	<p><b>AIG Director BBC News</b> Anjali Kapoor</p> <p><b>Reporting to Anjali: Digital Development Editor</b> Nathalie Malinarich</p> <p><b>Executive Editor, Growth Social and Weather</b> Jonny McGuigan</p>	
<b>World Service</b>	<p><b>Deputy Head, Current Affairs</b> Jim Gray (Joanna Carr can authorise in Jim's absence)</p> <p><b>Head of Journalism, LFA, Current Affairs</b> Emma Rippon</p>	<p><b>Controller WS English</b> Jon Zilka</p> <p><b>Senior Commissioner</b> Gwenan Roberts</p>
<b>WS Languages</b>	<p><b>News Controller WS Content Languages</b> Liz Gibbons</p> <p><b>Global News Director –</b> Fiona Crack (to authorise in Liz Gibbons absence)</p>	

<b>News Content</b>	<b>Director, News Content</b> Richard Burgess  <b>Executive Editor, UK News Content</b> Ravin Sampat  <b>Managing Editor</b> Candida Harris	
<b>News Output and Commissioning</b>	<b>Deputy Head, Current Affairs</b> Jim Grey (Joanna Carr can authorise in Jim's absence)  <b>World Service English Controller</b> Jon Zilka  <b>Executive News Editor, Global Commissioning</b> Liz Gibbons  <b>Executive Editor</b> Stuart Millar	

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

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

<b>Radio</b>	<b>Senior Head of Content Production</b> Emma Dunseith	<b>Senior Head of Content Commissioning</b> Eddie Doyle
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**RADIO**

DEPARTMENT	AUTHORISERS (in-house commissions)	AUTHORISERS (independent commissions)
<b>BBC Audio</b>	<p><b>Controller</b> Graham Ellis</p> <p><b>Senior Head of Content Production (BBC Audio North)</b> Gill Farrington</p> <p><b>Head Factual and Drama</b> Robert Ketteridge</p> <p><b>Head Daily Factual</b> Ruth Gardiner</p> <p><b>Head Factual Bristol</b> Clare McGinn</p>	Not applicable
<b>BBC Ideas</b>	<p><b>Editor Ideas</b> Bethan Jkinson</p>	
<b>BBC Sounds</b>	<p><b>Controller</b> Jonathan Wall</p> <p><b>Commissioning Editors</b> Dylan Haskins Louise Katterhorn</p>	
<b>Music (including Radio 1, Radio 2, Radio 3, Radio 6, I Xtra, Asian Network)</b>	<p><b>BBC Director, Music</b> Lorna Clarke</p>	As in-house

<b>Radio 1 / iXtra / Asian</b>	<b>Head R1</b> Aled H Jones  <b>Head R1x</b> Dari Samuels  <b>Head Asian</b> Ahmed Hussain  <b>Executive News Editor, Newsbeat and Asian Network</b> Danielle Dwyer  <b>Deputy Editor, Newsbeat and Asian Network</b> Julian Vaccari  <b>Content Editor, Radio 1</b> Nichola Ntim	As in-house
<b>Radio 2 (excluding News)</b>	<b>Head R2</b> Helen Thomas	As in-house
<b>Radio 3 (excluding News)</b>	<b>Refer to Radio HQ</b>	As in-house
<b>Radio 4 (excluding News)</b>	<b>Controller (in-house)</b> Graham Ellis  <b>Head Factual and Drama</b> Robert Ketteridge  <b>Head Daily Factual</b> Ruth Gardiner  <b>Head Factual Bristol</b> Clare McGinn	<b>BBC Director, Speech</b> Mohit Bakaya  <b>Deputy</b> Eleanor Garland  <b>Commissioning Editors</b> Alison Hindle Daniel Clarke Rhian Roberts Roger Mahony Richard Knight Sioned William
<b>Radio 5Live</b>	<b>Controller</b> Heidi Dawson  <b>Managing Editor</b> Julie Cullen  <b>Commissioning Editor</b> Richard Maddock  <b>Director, News Programmes</b> John McAndrew	As in-house

<b>Radio 6</b>	<b>Head R6</b> Samantha Moy	As in-house
<b>Radio HQ</b>	<b>Head of Editorial Standards</b> Fergus Dudley	As in-house

## SCOTLAND

DEPARTMENT	AUTHORISERS (in-house commissions)	AUTHORISERS (independent commissions)
<b>BBC Scotland</b>	<b>Director</b> Hayley Valentine  in Director's absence:  <b>Head of News and Current Affairs</b> Howard Simpson	As in-house

## STUDIOS

DEPARTMENT	AUTHORISERS (BBC commissions)	AUTHORISERS (Independent commissions)
<b>Audio</b>	<b>Head of Genre</b> Richard Knight	
<b>Digital News and Streaming</b>	<b>SVP Content Creation &amp; Acquisition</b> Cassian Harrison	
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Head of Editorial Standards</b> Anthony Worrall	
<b>UK Entertainment</b>	<b>Director of Production</b> Harriet Dormer	As in-house
<b>International Production</b>	<b>Managing Director</b> Matt Forde	
<b>Kids and Family</b>	<b>Managing Director</b> Cecilia Persson	
<b>Scripted</b>	<b>Managing Director</b> Jamie Hall	

<b>Specialist Factual</b>	<b>Head of Genre</b> Alan Holland	As in-house
<b>The Documentary Unit</b>	<b>Head of Genre</b> Georgia Mosley	As in-house
<b>The Natural History Unit</b>	<b>Head of the NHU</b> Jonny Keeling	As in-house
<b>The One Show / Morning Show</b>	<b>Executive Editor</b> Emma Morris	As in-house
<b>The Science Unit</b>	<b>Head of Science Unit</b> Andrew Cohen	As in-house
<b>UKTV</b>	<b>Director of Commissioning</b> Hilary Rosen	

## WALES

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