



26 August 2025

Our Ref: FOI 1318

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Pride Month 2025**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 28 July 2025.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the People and Organisational Development Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. Please confirm whether any events have been organised for Pride month. If so please provide the date, start and end time, and title/topic of the event.

A1. Yes, information stands were set up in partnership with Trade Unions, The Rainbow Project and Assistant Macmillan Health & Wellbeing Co-Ordinator. These stands aimed to raise awareness and understanding. In particular, they looked at the unique needs and experiences of LGBTQIA+ people in a hospital setting and how to support those living with or beyond cancer, as well as their friends, family and carers. The events took place on the following dates and times:

- 18 July 2025 in Ulster Hospital Canteen from 12pm to 2pm
- 21 July 2025 in Lagan Valley Hospital Canteen from 12pm to 2pm
- 24 July 2025 in Downe Hospital Canteen from 12pm to 2pm

Q2. Please confirm whether any LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased for Pride month. i.e. since the beginning of the 2025/26 financial year. If so please provide me with information on what has been purchased and the cost

A2. No, the Trust did not purchase any themed merchandise.

Q3. Whether the organisation have sponsored any Pride events. If so which events and please provide details of the nature of the sponsorship (particularly the financial value)

A3. No, the Trust did not sponsor any Pride events.