

22 June 2023

Our Ref: RFI 51454

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Pride Month Events**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 06 June 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the HR & Corporate Affairs 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. 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. Currently no events have been formally organised however we do plan to do so in accordance with our 75 Equality and Good Relations duties.

Q2. Whether any LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased for Pride month i.e. since the beginning of 2023/24 financial year. If so, please provide me with information on what has been purchased and the cost.

A2. The Trust has not purchased any merchandise to date.

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

A3. Regional Health and Social Care colleagues are collectively with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, Northern Ireland Civil Service and the Police Service of Northern Ireland aiming to participate in Belfast Pride 2023.

Currently no costs have been confirmed and this is still in the regional planning stage.