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## **Statements and Interviews Given By Staff**

**A copy of the Belfast trusts policy on staff engaging with the media.**

Belfast Trust does not have a policy on staff engaging with the media.

**Who or which department in the Belfast trust fact checks any statement or interview given by a member of staff to the media?**

Written statements to the media on behalf of the Trust are written in collaboration with the Communications team and the senior staff of the service area the enquiry refers to. If a statement concerns another Trust or member of HSC then the statement is jointly agreed. There are times when it is appropriate to ask for Department of Health or Health and Social Care Board approval on statements regarding particular issues. Interviews are prepared for in advance and as part of that process facts will be checked by the Communications team and the senior staff of the service area.

**In the last six months how many statements or interviews by members of staff have been found to be false or misleading?**

We are not aware of any statements or interviews given on behalf of Belfast Trust to be false or misleading.

**How many members of staff in the last two years been disciplined for providing false or misleading information to the media?**

We are not aware of any statements or interviews given on behalf of Belfast Trust to be false or misleading and therefore no member of staff has been disciplined.