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Duke of York Plaque removal

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details in relation to the removal of a plaque from Belfast City Hospital.

The plaque marked the official opening of the City Hospital tower by the Duke of York in 1986:

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/belfast-news/prince-andrew-plaque-belfast-city-22855969>

For the period from January 17 2022 to present, please disclose the following:

A copy of all correspondence sent and received (redacted where appropriate if necessary) internally and externally in relation to this plaque.

Please see attachments 1-5.

Please note:

It is the protocol of Belfast Trust to make public the names and email addresses of employees of a senior standing – Band 8A and above (including switchboard telephone number 028 9024 0503), as that banding carries a greater level of accountability. Those who fall below that Band are exempt and so their names would not be released.

Mails have also been redacted in line with Section 40 (2) Personal Information relating to a Third Party. Information of a personal nature is exempt from release under section 40(2) of the FOI Act where its disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the UK GDPR.

Documents and persons relating to the investigation and findings are exempt under Section 30: Investigations and proceedings. This information held by a public authority is exempt information if it has at any time been held by the authority for the purpose of:

- (a) any investigation which the public authority has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained -
 - (i) whether a person should be charged with an offence, or
 - (ii) whether a person charged with an offence is guilty of it.

The section 30 exemption applies to a specific category of information that a public authority currently holds or has ever held for the purposes of criminal investigations.

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A copy of any notes or minutes of any meetings during which this plaque was discussed.

The information requested is not held by the Trust.