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Belfast City Hospital Tower Plaque

I read on bbc.com today https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckgj5py9g7xo that the Trust apparently took the following action following a relocation of a plaque bearing the name of HRH Prince Andrew

"The incident was investigated by independent consultants appointed by officials, according to an email from a senior staff member in December 2023."

1. A copy of the instruction to the consultants

See Terms of Reference attached in separate document – Attachment 1.

2. A copy of their findings

Belfast Trust considers that this request is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act Section 38, which relates to Health & Safety. This is given the small geographical area of Northern Ireland and the political history here.

You can read more about Section 38 here Section 38 – Health and safety | ICO

3. A copy of their invoices

See attached Invoices 1 and 2 – Attachments 2 & 3.

4. What was the final cost to the trust (internal and external) of the investigation?

External cost as per invoice 1 and 2, with costs being £ 3037.50 in total

Internal costs are not possible to accurately deduce