

**08 October 2024**

## **Chaperone policy & EQIA**

**Please send me a copy of your Chaperone policy and any associated Equality Impact Assessment. Please treat this request under FOIA 2000.**

Attached are the requested documents.

Please note that where redactions have been made, this information is exempt from release under S40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party and S38 Health and Safety.

With regards to Staff names, telephone numbers, email addresses and signatures, this information is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to personal information relating to a third party. Information of a personal nature is exempt from release where its disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the GDPR 2018.

This information is also exempt under Section S38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to Health and Safety. This is to protect staff from being targeted and not to leave them exposed to harassment.

### **Clarification received**

**You asked me to specify which service or circumstance my request for the chaperone policy and related EQIA relates to. My request relates to the healthcare services provided by your trust. Most trusts have a single chaperone policy that applies to all their clinical services. If this is not the case for Belfast HSC then please let me know.**

BHSCT has one single Chaperone Policy