

31 March 2025

Cost of any single hospitality item greater than £500

Under FOI, can the Belfast Trust provide details of any single hospitality item where the cost incurred by the Belfast Trust was greater than £500, including date; a description of the gift/event; its purpose/rationale; and the role/position of the recipient.

Can I have this information for the last most recent full financial year of 2023/24 please.

The Trust is unable to identify within our financial systems any single hospitality items where the cost incurred was greater than £500 per recipient.

However, the Trust has set maximum expenditure limits that have been prescribed by the Trust Board for the provision of hospitality as follows;

PRESCRIBED MAXIMUM EXPENDITURE LIMITS FOR THE PROVISION OF HOSPITALITY

1. Hospitality for Internal Meetings:

Maximum Limit: £5 per head.

2. Residential or Non-Residential Events Organised by the Trust:

Lunch - £10 per delegate Evening Meal - £20 per delegate

Beverages supplied with meals - one third of cost of meal.

3. Extension of Hospitality to Individuals External to the Trust:

Lunch - £20 per Head Evening Meal - £30 per Head

Beverages - one third of cost of meal

4. Provision of Nominal Gifts to Guest Speakers, Volunteers etc:

Small gifts or gift tokens may be provided to a maximum value of £50