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Fellowship Programme Gynae-oncology

- 1. Has the Belfast City Hospital ever made any exceptions by awarding a certificate of completion or by issuing any document (bearing the name, moto and logo of the Trust) to evidence that a doctor has completed a fellowship programme in gynae-oncology at the hospital or at any cancer centre in Belfast?**
- 2. Has the Trust or the Belfast City Hospital been made aware of the alledged issuance or of the existance of any certificates of completion in a Gynae-oncology fellowship programme purporting to be awarded by the Trust or the Belfast City Hospital?**
- 3. What steps does the Trust or Belfast City Hospital take to ensure that such a matter is taken care of in order to guarantee the safety of patiets within or outside the UK and to protect the name and reputation of the Trust?**
- 4. If such a certificate exists and is being used by a doctor in order to practice Gynae-oncology, what avenues exist for patients, so that they (the patients and potential patients) can be made aware of the legitimacy or lack thereof, of such a document, if local regulatory bodies are failing in their duties and harm that is being done is being concealed?**
- 5. Does the Trust publicly deny the legitimacy of any such documents, if any exists bearing the name and logo of the Trust and the Trust is made aware of it, in order to protect the general public?**
- 6. How can patients within and outside the UK be sure that documents bearing the name, logo and moto of the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, and that are accepted by their local regulatory bodies as evidence of qualification, are legitimate?**

Your request has been considered by Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 and we would advise that this will not be processed any further for the reasons set out below.

Your request for information has been aggregated with two previous FOI requests detailed below:

[36029](#) – received 21/01/2026

[36221](#) – received 06/02/2026

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36465 – received 03/03/2026 (current request)

In coming to this decision, we have referred to the Information Commissioner's [guidance](#) which states we can aggregate a request with others when the following criteria is met:

- Made by one person, or by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign;
- Made for the same or similar information; and
- Received by the Public Authority within any period of 60 consecutive working days

We feel these requests are clearly linked and there is an overarching theme or common thread running between the requests in terms of the nature of the information that has been requested. I can confirm we have already spent 18 hours in locating, retrieving and extracting information to answer those requests detailed.

In accordance with Section 12(1) of the FOI Act, the Trust is not obliged to comply with any request for information if we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450 (ie.18 hours at £25 per hour plus disbursements).

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