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Certificate of fellowship in Gynaecological Oncology

I just read FOI 36029 and I am in doubt about a certificate of fellowship in Gynaecological Oncology that I am aware is in the records of the our local medical board, having been accepted by that Board as evidence of qualification in the aforementioned specialty.

I would like to know if any Medical board member or council member of any medical board or of any regulatory body has ever reached out to the BHSCT or the Belfast City Hospital from 2017 to 2025 to query the validity of a certificate in Gynaecological Oncology that appears to have been awarded by either the Trust or the Belfast City Hospital.

Also, has any council member of the MBTT or has the MBTT communicated with the Trust or the Belfast City Hospital from Jan. 2017 to Dec. 2025 to query the validity of any certificate of Fellowship in Gynaecological Oncology or of any certificate of completion in Gynaecological Oncology that appears to have been issued by either the BHSCT or the BCH?

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 three previous FOI requests detailed below:

[36029](#) – received 21/01/2026

[36221](#) – received 06/02/2026

[36465](#) – received 03/03/2026

36521 – 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

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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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Belfast Trust does not hold the information requested. In line with our duty to advise and assist under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would suggest that you direct this part of your request to the Department of Health at:
MBTT@health-ni.gov.uk.