

9 June 2023

Pride Month

This is an information request relating to Pride Month. Please include the following information:

- **Whether any events have been organised for Pride month. If so, please provide the date, start and end time, and title/topic of the event**

No events have been formally organised yet. However, we plan to do so in accordance with our Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Observing & Celebrating Events Policy and our Section 75 Equality and Good Relations duties. These will include: highlighting our Rainbow Badge Initiative (launched in 2023) and participating with regional health and social care colleagues in the Pride event in Belfast City Centre to highlight health and social care as an equal, diverse and inclusive employer.

- **Whether any LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased for Pride month, i.e. since the beginning of the 2023/24 financial year. If so, please provide me with information on what has been purchased and the cost**

No merchandise has been purchased to date.

- **Whether the organisation has sponsored any Pride events. If so, which events and please provide details of the nature of the sponsorship (particularly the financial value)**

Regional health and social care colleagues are collectively, with NI Ambulance Service, NI Civil Service and PSNI aiming to participate in Belfast Pride 2023.

No costs have yet been confirmed and this is still in regional planning stage.