

16 December 2024

## Gifts for Nursing Staff

I am writing to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 1) Please can you supply a breakdown for the years 2022-23 and 2023-24 of items logged on your organisation's gifts and hospitality register by/relating to nursing staff\* (include Agenda for Change band 5 and above – please see list at the end of this email).**

This information is not held centrally and so it would take over 18 hours to gather and collate this information. The application of Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act has been applied as it is the extraction of the information which will incur a disproportionate cost. The information you have requested is not centrally held and would require considerable interrogation of the data in order to extract the information request.

Please see the attached Belfast Trust Gifts and Hospitality Policy which applied to all staff.

- 2) Please can you also tell me – does your organisation have a policy with a monetary limit on gifts (i.e. gifts valued under £50 are allowed) and are cash gifts ever permitted?**

There is a policy which has been attached and Cash or Cash equivalent gifts are not permitted. Non Cash gifts can be accepted up to the threshold value of £50.

Cash gifts are not to be accepted by staff as per policy, however, donors can make monetary contributions to Charitable Funds via cheque.

- 3) Finally, please state whether any nursing staff at your organisation were left any gifts or sums of money in patients' wills during this time period?**

No, there is no record of this having occurred held centrally.