

### Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-834

22 November 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

• We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

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). I request the following details laid out like the following example, in table form:

Date item declared	Description of gift	Which nursing role*/band* received gift?	Reason for gift	Value	Accepted or declined?
Jan-23	Confectionary	Paediatric nurse band 5	Thank you for inpatient care	£15	Accepted
Apr-23	Plants (3 X orchids)	Oncology ward manager band 7	Thank you for inpatient care	£30	Accepted

# 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?

# 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?

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following link on the Trust's website: <u>https://uhbw.mydeclarations.co.uk/home</u>.

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information if it is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this

time.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust Trust Headquarters Marlborough Street Bristol BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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