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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Please can you provide details of any events, physical installations or infrastructure, or other ways the trust has celebrated LGBT+ Pride, during the calendar years 2020, and 2021 to date.

During 2020 there was very little activity except for:

- An engagement scoping exercise on the future of the Network.
- Expressions of interest for a new Chair.
- Vaccine engagement session for all staff networks with the Chief Pharmacist and Chief Peoples Officer.

Our LGBTQI+ Staff network was re-established in January 2021 with an elected chair and assigned Trust Board Sponsor.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) celebrated LGBT History Month in February 2021 this included:

- A library display at both the Conquest Hospital and Eastbourne District General Hospital.
- Main event was entitled Disrupting Gender. A workshop was aimed at supporting staff in developing knowledge about gender identity. With a Guest speaker. Due to Covid restrictions this was delivered on MS Teams.

ESHT is part of the Rainbow lanyard/pin pledge.

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Please itemise how much each event / physical installation / piece of infrastructure cost the trust. If the cost was funded or part-funded from external funds (eg by an NHS-related charity, by a non-NHS charity, or by a community group) please stipulate how much of the funding came from each external source, and how much from trust funds.

Our LGBTQI+ staff network has been re-established in 2021 and the Trust supports the network with a small budget from trust funds to carry out its activities.

Guest speaker for LGBT History Month £500 (exclusive of VAT)
LGBT Lanyards £1,244.40 (inclusive of VAT) to date.

If the trust has had more than one event, or put in more than one installation / piece of infrastructure during 2020 and 2021 to date, please give details and a cost breakdown for each separate item.

There has not been another LGBT event since History Month.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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