

FOI REF: 24/767

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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:

- 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.**

No declarations of gifts received by/relating to nursing staff were logged on East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's gifts and hospitality register during 2022/23 or 2023/24. Of note, the Trust's Interests, Gifts, Hospitality and Sponsorship Policy stipulates that staff do not have to declare modest gifts accepted from patients under a value of £50.

- 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?**

The Trust has an Interests, Gifts, Hospitality and Sponsorship Policy which includes a monetary limit on gifts that can be accepted. Personal gifts of cash are not permitted to be accepted by staff under any circumstances. Cash gifts or vouchers can only be accepted if they are in the form of a donation to the Trust's charitable funds.

- 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 not aware of any nursing staff in the Trust having been left sums of money in patients' wills during this period.

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

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Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Yours sincerely

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