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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

This is an information request relating to Pride month 2025

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.

Whether any LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased for Pride month. i.e. since the beginning of the 2025/26 financial year. If so please provide me with information on what has been purchased and the cost.

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

Response

The Trust did not organise any events during Pride month. The LGBTQ+ Staff Network prepared some digital communications during the month to raise awareness in honour of Pride month, but these were internal comms only and did not incur any costs. We shared opportunities to celebrate Pride which were organised externally e.g. the Pride Picnic in Wolverhampton, via internal comms channels.

Birmingham Pride 2025 took place immediately prior to Pride month, and the LGBTQ+ Staff Network marched in the parade on Saturday 24th May 2025, alongside colleagues at Dudley Council (to reduce costs and to present a united Dudley). This incurred costs of £200 per organisation. We used Pride t-shirts and flags that we already had from previous marches, so no additional costs were incurred. Staff attending did so in their own time and were not paid for participating.

The network has not purchased any merchandise in the financial year or sponsored any external/other Pride events.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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