

FOI 2547

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**This is an information request relating to Pride Month 2024.**

**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**

**Response:**

The Southern Trust, as part of our commitment to supporting and implementing equality, diversity and inclusion and in helping to create and maintain an inclusive compassionate culture within our Trust, have co-ordinated the following events for Pride month 2024:

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 9.30-10.30am – Pride staff engagement at Craigavon Area Hospital (hosted by the Trust Equality Diversity & Inclusion Team). Taking the opportunity to highlight the Regional LGBTQ+ Staff forum, HSC Rainbow Badge initiative and attendance with other Trusts at the regional HSC NI stand in the PRIDE Village on Saturday 27 July 2024.
  - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10.30-11.30am – Pride engagement at Daisy Hill Hospital (as above)
  - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 11am-4pm –The Trust will be part of the regional HSC stall along with other Trusts at Belfast Pride Village.
  - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 1-3pm – Free STI Testing at Newry Pride (Contraceptive & Sexual Health Services)
- **Whether any LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased for Pride month. i.e. since the beginning of the 2024/25 financial year. If so please provide me with information on what has been purchased and the cost**

**Response:**

The Trust have received donations of free merchandise from the regional LGBTQ+ Staff Forum. In addition, we have purchased HSC logo pens that will be distributed to visitors to the HSC stand in the PRIDE Village on Saturday 27 July 2024. These cost £248.

- **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 has not sponsored any Pride events.

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