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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – RELIGIOUS TRAINING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to religious training within NHS Lothian.

Question:

- What training has been delivered to staff within the Health Board relating to religion and religious beliefs, within the period 1st August 2022 to 1st August 2023?

Answer:

No specific training on religion and religious beliefs is delivered to staff.

At Induction/Introduction to Spiritual Care sessions staff are made aware of the NES Multifaith Resource which is available in printed format and online (see below for weblink).

- Here is the link to the NHS Education for Scotland resource - [NES Multifaith Resource](#)
- Here is the link to the Person Centred Wellbeing and Spiritual Care Framework published by Scottish Government in June 2023 [National Framework](#)

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible.

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

Question:

- I would like a list of all the sessions delivered to staff. If a course has been delivered multiple times, please list each instance separately. For each one, I would like to know:
 - What was the session title or topic (if known)?
 - Was the session delivered (even if only partially) by someone external to the Trust?
 - If so, who?
 - How much was paid to them for this?
 - If payment is made, please specify if VAT was applicable, and if VAT is included in your figure(s).

Answer:

Not applicable

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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