



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

16th July 2024

Question

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 2024/25 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

Answer

Please find below our response to your questions asked

All events that were organised, were social events organised by individuals on a private/personal basis and not by the Scottish Ambulance Service.

It is for this reason we consider the information requested to be exempt under Section 38 1(b) of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act. An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA states: information which relates to a living individual other than the applicant for the information will be exempt where the disclosure of the information would contravene any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the UK GDPR and in section 34(1) of the DPA 2018.

This exemption is absolute, so it is not subject to the public interest test in section 2(1) of FOISA (see section 2(2)(e)(ii) of FOISA.)

We can confirm, no Scottish Ambulance Service finances were used and the Scottish Ambulance service did not sponsor any pride events.