

**FOI 0332 2204 Response**

I am writing to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 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 – please see list at the end of this email). I request the following details laid out like the following example, in table form:

Date item declared	Description of gift	Which nursing role*/band* received gift?	Reason for gift	Value	Accepted or declined?
Jan 2023	Confectionary	Paediatric nurse band 5	Thank you for inpatient care	£15	Accepted
Apr 2023	Plants (3 X orchids)	Oncology ward manager band 7	Thank you for inpatient care	£30	Accepted

Please see the link below for the requested information.

Link/: <https://bsmhft.mydeclarations.co.uk/declarations>

- 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?

Our Trust Declaration of Interest Policy is very clear as it states that *“staff should not accept gifts that may affect, or be seen to affect, their professional judgement”*, however, in the interest of best practice and full transparency, staff are expected to *“declare all gifts and hospitality that have been offered to them including where they had declined such gifts and hospitality”*.

It is worth noting that although the staff mentioned in Q1 have declared the gifts they received, as part of full transparency and best practice, our Trust Declaration of Interest Policy doesn't require them to do so as it clearly states that *“modest gifts accepted under a value of £50 do not need to be declared”*.

However, it also states that *“multiple gifts from the same source over a 12-month period should be treated in the same way as single gifts over £50 where the cumulative value exceeds £50”*.

Please see policy in the link below for more details: -

Link/: <https://bsmhft.mydeclarations.co.uk/about>

**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?**

**\*Please include all nursing staff who are Agenda for Change band 5 or above, which will likely include the following roles:**

- Registered nurse
- Registered nurse (inpatients)
- Clinical nurse specialist
- Clinical lead nurse (community)
- Advanced nurse practitioner
- Community nurse
- Nurse manager
- Staff nurse
- Senior staff nurse
- Senior community nurse
- Mental health nurse
- Specialist nurse
- Nurse/nursing associate
- Research nurse
- Palliative nurse
- Children's/paediatric nurse
- Neonatal nurse
- Nursing assistant
- Senior sister/charge nurse
- Nursery nurse
- Any other nursing roles not mentioned above

**BSMHFT do not record the requested information.**