

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

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Response Due: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

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

**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?**
  - o If so, who?
  - o How much was paid to them for this?
  - o If payment is made, please specify if VAT was applicable, and if VAT is included in your figure(s).

**For “religion and religious beliefs”, please include any training which is likely to include a significant amount of content about the needs of religious people.**

The Trust did not hold specific training that is delivered on religion and religious beliefs during the time specified as a stand-alone teaching session.

However, for the last 18 years we have produced a Religious/Beliefs Festivals Calendar and a monthly update which gives some explanation of the dates included. Those included are drawn from various

traditions of the Baha'i, Buddhist, Chinese, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Japanese, Jewish, Muslim, Pagan, Rastafarian, Sikh, Zoroastrian and some other notable dates including World Humanist Day.

The Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Manager discusses culture and traditions around death in broader teaching that they deliver on end of life care and bereavement. They also liaise with the different faith and belief groups locally and nationally, hold a variety of material within the department and can help to advise staff when needed or access specialist support.

The Trust does not use or pay for external speakers.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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