

# Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service



6<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Re: FOI Request received 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Dear Mr Gaffney,

Please find below the information you requested in relation to whistleblowing within the NHS and particular arrangements within NIBTS.

*Is there any case law or any other pieces of legislation or other pieces of NHS or professional guidance which protect any possible 'whistleblower'?*

**Please find attached a copy of the appropriate policy with regard to Whistleblowing.**

*Does the duty to inform of 'wrongdoing' extend to other staff: legal advisors, managers and social workers, nurses and care assistants as well as doctors as well? Does it include a duty to inform of potential 'wrongdoing' that has come to light in other Trusts and the like?*

**The above policy is applicable to all staff of the Agency.**

*What punishment is meted out to those who knew of alleged wrongdoing and remained silent?*

**Allegations of misconduct are dealt with in accordance with the Agency's Disciplinary Procedure.**

*How many staff members have 'whistleblown' in your organisation?*

**No member of staff has utilised the policy on whistleblowing to date.**

*Which department were they in?*

**N/A**

*How many are still employed there?*

**N/A**

*What were the outcomes of the attempt to 'whistleblow'?*

**N/A**

*How many confidentiality arrangements have been reached with former staff members?*

**None**

*What was the value of each agreement?*

**N/A**

I hope this provides a satisfactory answer to your request.

If you are unsatisfied with this response or the way in which your request has been handled please feel free to contact me, alternatively you have the right to request a review. If you would like to request a review please contact Mr Geoff Geddis, Quality Manager at the address provided.

Regards,

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