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Dear S Bartlett

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for information from NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) as stipulated below:

**Dear NHS Blood and Transplant,  
Please can you**

- 1. Confirm whether your organisation applied to be part of the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index in A) 2018 (for 2019), B) 2019 (for 2020) or C) 2021 (for 2022) (NB the index was suspended in 2020/21 because of Covid)**
  - 2. Give details of the total amount of money you paid to Stonewall in 2021 whether or not as payment for goods or services.**
  - 3. State whether you intend to continue your membership of any Stonewall scheme in the future, and if so which.**
- If the answer to any part of 1 is yes please supply:**
- 4. Any application you made in 2021 to be included on Stonewall's Workplace Equality Index, including any attachments or appendices to those applications. Please redact personal details if necessary.**
  - 5. Any feedback you received in 2018/19 or 2019/20 or 2021/22 from Stonewall in relation to either application or programme. This must include the priorities or objectives written by your organisation's representative at the end of the feedback form (under the heading 'Priorities for the year ahead' in 2019; 'Your priorities' in 2020).**

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 NHSBT is obliged to:

- Let you know whether we hold the information you have requested
- Provide you with the requested information, if held, (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that NHSBT holds some of the information you have requested.

1. A) No B) Yes C) Yes
2. A total of £5717 was paid to Stonewall in 2021.
3. Yes. NHSBT intends to renew the Diversity Champions Subscription in 2022.
4. Please find attached the requested submission document.

Some of the information contained in this document is exempt information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Section 40. FOIA is primarily concerned with disclosure of information to the public. Therefore, any release made under FOIA is a disclosure to the world and not just to the individual making the request. Information that constitutes personal data is exempt under Section 40(1) of the FOIA if it is about the applicant (yourself); or section 40(2) if the information is about a third party and where one of the conditions listed in section 40(3A)(3B) or 40(4A) is met. Redactions have been made to ensure that we are not in breach of the 40(2), 40(3A) and 40(3B) exemption stated above.

5. Please find attached the requested feedback documents. Please note that no submission was made in 2018/2019

If you are dissatisfied with the response to your request, you can ask for a review of the handling of your request for information. Details of the complaint procedure are below:

Any person who has requested information from NHSBT, which has been dealt with under the FOIA is entitled to make a complaint and request an internal review of the handling of their request if they are dissatisfied with the response they have received. If you would like us to conduct such a review, as per guidance from the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) please contact us within forty working days of this letter. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,



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