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Information requested:

I am looking to find out if your health board has held meetings with representatives of the LGBT community/lobby groups- with a specific focus on groups representing the interests of transgender individuals.

Can you send me any emails or diary entries with mention of meetings with the blow groups and senior staff members or board members between 2019 and 2024- up to an including the date of this FOI?

Groups include-

- Scottish Trans
- LGBT Youth Scotland
- Scottish Green Party and or Rainbow Greens
- Stonewall

Response:

We located one email which was written as part of a previous Freedom of Information request (FOI/011/21) about contact with Stonewall. We have enclosed the email and the previous FOI response.

We have removed a number of names, email addresses and some teams links as they constitute personal data which is exempt from disclosure under FOISA section 38(1)(b).

We have also removed internal and mobile telephone numbers as public disclosure of these telephone number is likely to;

1. have the numbers added to dial lists which can be used to spam the organisation and
2. provide a method to circumvent our established communication paths and offer direct contact numbers.

Both of these would likely cause disruption to the organisation that would be a significant prejudice to the contact of public affairs and as such are exempt from disclosure under FOISA section 30(c).

The State Hospital changed its email system in 2020 and this means we are unable to search calendar appointments or emails prior to 2020 unless they were transferred to the new system.

Although we do not hold any other records regarding a meeting, our staff remember that there was one meeting between our Human Resources Director and Stonewall which was around 2019.