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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/11/42.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'm writing to request a copy of your organisation's gifts and hospitality register.

I would like a breakdown for all staff for the full financial years of 2016 / 2017 and 2017 / 2018. If the trust was founded after these records began, please provide data from the trusts that merged to form the current trust.

Please include:

Role / title of staff member gift / hospitality offered to

Date offered

The item type (e.g. travel expenses, conference ticket, flowers), and details / description (e.g. date / location of conference, type of training)

The reason for the gift / hospitality

The value of the item

Name of the individual or company providing the gift / hospitality

Whether the item was accepted or declined

Please see table below:

Date Offered	Description	Reason	Value	Accepted / Declined
Christmas 2016	Chocolates & Bottle of Wine	Unknown	Unknown	Accepted
August 2015 – August 2017	Lunch / Meals	Hospitality	Average spend £40 (approx. £200 over entire period)	Accepted

30/03/18	Gift Voucher	To Say Thank you	£10.00	Accepted
14/05/18	Cash in Card	To Say Thank you	£10.00	Accepted and paid in to station fund for local staff
26/11/18	Lunch, evening meal and drinks	Hospitality	£55 - £70 estimated	Accepted
23/07/18	Box of Chocolates	To Say Thank you	Unknown	Accepted

We are unable to provide the title of the staff member, or who provided the gifts as this could be identifiable to individuals and is exempt under Section 40 (2) Data Protection

Many gifts offered to ambulance employees tend to be valued below the threshold for declaration (box of chocolates etc.). The Trust's Declaration of Interests policy states:

Modest gifts under a value of £50 may be accepted and do not need to be declared

Where individuals declare that cash has been sent (e.g. in a thank you card) we ask that the money to be used for the communal benefit of all staff on station.

I have attached a copy of our Declaration of Interest Policy for your reference

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Lead via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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