

**Freedom of Information Act 2000****The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request****Date Request Received: 13/07/2024****FOI Ref No: 25421****Requested Information:**

Royal Cornwall hospitals trust, jointly with Cornwall partnership trust (CPT), recently hosted an equality and diversity conference. Sometime in February or March 2024.

A motivational speaker was selected to speak at this conference by director of HR, Alison Thorne-Henderson. Later, when the trusts realised that the speaker had made controversial comments in GB News, prior to the booking, it decided to cancel his attendance at the conference and book another speaker.

Please provide

1. What was the total cost of all speakers at this event whether they attended or not?
2. Confirmation which funds this came from (ie charitable funds?)
3. Copies of emails to/from the Chief Executive mentioning this event between Oct 2023 and May 2024.

**Response:**

The information you have requested is both personal information<sup>1</sup> of the motivational speaker and commercial information of both parties<sup>2</sup>, therefore we are unable to provide a response to this request.

1. Section 40(2) – Personal information  
This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.
2. Section 43 – trade secrets and prejudice to commercial interests  
When complying with the request would prejudice or would be likely to prejudice someone's commercial interests.

**Attachment(s):**

None.

**Date Response sent: 06/08/2024**