

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/175**

**Religious Beliefs Training**

**Information Requested:**

What training has been delivered to staff within the Health Board relating to religion and religious beliefs, within the period 1st August 2022 to 1st August 2023?

I would like a list of all the sessions delivered to staff. If a course has been delivered multiple times, please list each instance separately. For each one, I would like to know:

- What was the session title or topic (if known)?
- Was the session delivered (even if only partially) by someone external to the Trust?
  - If so, who?
  - How much was paid to them for this?
  - If payment is made, please specify if VAT was applicable, and if VAT is included in your figure(s).

For “religion and religious beliefs”, please include any training which is likely to include a significant amount of content about the needs of religious people.

**Response Details:**

The Chaplaincy Department has undertaken chaplaincy and spiritual care awareness sessions for various teams and wards across Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. These sessions were not delivered by any external organisations – only by the Chaplaincy team. The topics of these sessions are generally summaries of the services offered by the Chaplaincy Department.

In these sessions the Chaplaincy Department covers the work of the chaplaincy team; it does not go into any religious detail and tries to keep the content generic. It advises staff of who is on the team in the from the different faith groups, and how it delivers for all people regardless of faith or belief and meets people at a pastoral level. The team try to keep sessions simple and inform staff of the different types of services provided such as religious prayers and readings. The team also tell staff that as faith and religion means different things to different people, they are happy to go and meet staff or patients and discuss with them what they require and aim to provide that care.

The only training sessions delivered to staff during the stated time are three chaplaincy awareness sessions:

- Emergency Unit Department in University Hospital Wales, 16 May 2023.
- Outpatient Department of the Mental Health Services for Older People in University Hospital Llandough, 9 June 2023.
- The UHB does not hold the date for the third session, but it was delivered for the palliative care team (community staff).