

2 April 2024

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“the Act”)

Thank you for your request for information which was received by VisitScotland on 13 March 2024 at 9:39am, requesting information about:

Please include the following information for the following years, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23:

- 1. A list of all the staff networks at the organisation*
- 2. Whether each network receives internal funding and, if so, how much (please express annually for the last four financial years)*
- 3. How much FTE equivalent staff time each network is entitled to. For example, a staff network may have a chair who’s entitled to spend 10% of their working hours devoted to the network (please express annually for the last three financial years)*
- 4. A list of events that each network has held in this financial year so far (April to the present day), including the title of the event, information on any guest speakers and the time of the event*

VisitScotland’s Response

1. A list of all the staff networks at the organisation

Inclusive Network Alliance
Parents Support Group
Carers Staff Network Group
LGBTI+ Staff Network Group

2. Whether each network receives internal funding and, if so, how much (please express annually for the last four financial years)

None of the staff network groups named above receive any separate internal funding.

3. How much FTE equivalent staff time each network is entitled to. For example, a staff network may have a chair who’s entitled to spend 10% of their working hours devoted to the network (please express annually for the last three financial years)

Information not held.

4. A list of events that each network has held in this financial year so far (April to the present day), including the title of the event, information on any guest speakers and the time of the event

The Inclusive Network alliance meets once per month for 90 minutes. The Parents Support Group meets once every two months approximately for one hour. The Carers Staff Network Group meets once per month for one hour. The LGBTI+ Staff Network meets approximately every two months for 90 minutes. Other than these regularly scheduled staff meetings, we have held no events in this financial year.

Your right to request a review

If you wish to request a review of your application under either the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, your request should be submitted to us in writing, or another permanent format (for example e-mail or voice recording) to:

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Chief Executive
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Waverley Court
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Edinburgh
EH8 8BG

Telephone: 0131 472 2201

E-mail: malcolm.roughead@visitscotland.com

The request for a review should be received by us within 40 days of the date of this letter. Any request for a review should also set out, in as much detail as possible, the reasons why you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, then you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

You can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session in Scotland on a point of law concerning our response.