

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning theatre uniforms and specialist requirements.

The Trust can provide the following information:

**Please see attachment**

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk), in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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## Theatre uniform questionnaire

Your Trusts Name

Your position in the Trust

1. Does your Trust stock theatre head dresses/hijabs for Muslim female staff who require a head dress for theatre? Yes  Goto Q2

No  Goto Q4

2. If so, are they lengths of fabric that can be worn as a hijab or orthopaedic caps?

Lengths of fabric  Goto Q3

Orthopaedic cap  Goto Q5

3. If they are fabric headscarves then please state if they are;

i Purchased from a manufacturer   
Which Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

ii Tailor made?

4. If no head dress is available, is there a mechanism in place so that such a specialist uniform can be ordered if required? Yes

No

5. Are abayas available for Muslim female staff attending theatres? An abaya is essentially a full length theatre dress that comes to the ankle instead of mid shin.

Yes

No

4. Does the uniform policy cover such specialist requirements, that is a hijab (head scarf) and abaya (long theatre dress)? If so please copy the clause and paste below.

Yes

No

The theatre attire at the Homerton Hospital is Scrub tops and trousers, the nurses are allowed to wear cotton hijabs that they have provided themselves. This meets the cultural and religious requirement of the establishment of Muslim nurses who work at the Homerton after we consulted with them as part of their work induction.