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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 124- 2020**

Thank you for your email dated the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, requesting information related to fit-testing of respiratory protective equipment.

The information that you require is as follows:

- 1. How many medical staff were working with tight-fitting respiratory protective equipment in February 2020, March 2020, April 2020 and May 2020? Please give the numbers broken down by the months; and, if it is possible, please break it down by type of staff member (nurse, doctor, etc) and setting. If it is possible, please separate out those working in Covid-affected environments (I do not know if you hold a separate register for Covid and non-Covid).**

**We do not have a COVID-19 ward as such, because we are a specialist cancer Trust and not an acute Trust. We are therefore not treating patients who have been admitted to hospital as a direct result of COVID-19.**

**For the purposes of answering this request, the Trust is referring to tight-fitting respiratory protective equipment as FFP3 masks.**

**The Trust does not hold separate fit-testing records of staff working in COVID and non-Covid affected environments. Our data only covers the period March – May 2020. The Trust can confirm that the following numbers of staff were fit tested for respiratory protective equipment and we have indicated the number of doctors separately from other staff:**

	Doctors	Other Staff
March	12	229
April	17	81
May	4	21

2. How many of the medical staff working with tight-fitting respiratory protective equipment in Covid-affected environments were fit-tested for that equipment in February 2020, March 2020, April 2020 and May 2020? Please give the numbers broken down by the months; and, if it is possible, please break it down by type of staff member (nurse, doctor, etc) and setting. Again, if it is possible, please separate out those working in Covid-affected environments.

If the data is sensitive enough to show where the same staff were fit-tested multiple times, please include that information.

The Trust does not hold separate fit-testing records of staff working in COVID and non-Covid affected environments

Please see answer to Question 1 for details of the number of staff fit tested. The data we hold details the type of mask the member of staff was successfully tested on.

3. Do you collect data on medical staff working with tight-fitting respiratory protective equipment being fit-tested when they change brand/type of RPE? If so, please give the figures for Feb, March, April and May 2020 as above.

The Trust only collects and maintains data on the most recent brand of respiratory protective equipment that our staff have been tested on, along with a retest date of two years on their Electronic Staff Record (ESR). If they are subsequently tested with an alternative brand of mask, (eg if stocks of the previous PPE are low) that data replaces the previous information.

**4. Do you track the ethnicity of the staff member with this data? If so, please give the ethnicity breakdowns for the above data for all questions**

**Ethnicity of staff is not captured in fit testing records.**

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.